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PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 21.

It is officially stated that the Conference awaits the reply of the Greek Government to the resolution which has been adopted. When that is received the Conference will dissolve.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday, Jan. 21.

There is a rumor here that the Greek ship *Hydriote* fired into a French sloop, and that several persons on board the latter were killed.

NEW-ZEALAND.

Fearful Massacre of Whites at Poverty Bay.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Late advices from Auckland, New-Zealand, report that a frightful massacre of the whites by the natives had occurred at Poverty Bay, on that island.

FRANCE.

Mr. Burlingame and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Mr. BURLINGAME and the two Chief Mandarins of the Chinese Embassy made their first visit to the Minister of Foreign Affairs yesterday. They were accompanied by the Secretaries of the Legation, Messrs. BROWN and DESBONNES. Mr. BURLINGAME and his companions were very cordially received by the Marquis DE LA VALLETTE. The interview was highly satisfactory, and promises a successful result for the Mission. The Marquis informed the Ambassadors that the Emperor would be pleased to accord them audience on Sunday next, at the Palace of the Tuileries.

GREAT BRITAIN.

No Further Tidings of the Missing Passengers of the Steamship Hibernia.

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A vessel arrived here yesterday from Madeira, having left that port on the 14th inst. Nothing had been heard up to that time of the thirty-nine missing passengers and crew of the wrecked steamship *Hibernia*, who were to have been landed there. There is now hardly a doubt that the story of these persons having been picked up at all was a pure fabrication.

The amount of bullion in the Bank of England has increased £99,000 sterling since the last report, last Thursday.

Considerable alterations are to be made in the lines and rig of the yacht *Cambria*, to fit her for an ocean race with the American yachts. Her hollow bows are to be filled out, her masts lengthened, and keel weighted. It is expected these changes will make her better able to resist a heavy sea, and to compete with the American boats.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Arrival of the Japan at San Francisco—Settlement of the Missionary Troubles at Nang Chow—The Civil Strife in Japan Not Yet Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Jan. 21.

The steamer *Japan* arrived yesterday with advices from Hong Kong to Dec. 16, and Yokohama, Dec. 26. She experienced a strong monsoon in the China Sea, but pleasant weather the latter part of the voyage. On the 13th of January she spoke the steamer *Great Republic*—all well. The *Japan* left the following vessels at Yokohama: Ship *W. B. Fulton*, which would sail in a few days for New-York; bark *Algoma*, and ship *John Norman*, loading for New-York, and ship *Agra*, discharging. The *Japan* brought the following passengers for New-York: J. MACFARLAND, H. A. SPRINGER, GEORGE WILLIAMS, Capt. C. C. TOXINO, Capt. N. GOODWIN, R. J. BROWELL, JOHN SCOTT, NEIL CARTERETT.

The Yang Chow affair has been settled satisfactorily. The local authorities in power at the date of the outrage have been dismissed, and indemnity for the losses sustained by the missionaries been paid. A proclamation has also been issued by the Chinese authorities and extensively promulgated, setting forth that the treaty with England requires that the religious establishments of the missionaries shall not be annoyed, nor foreign travelers be treated with disrespect, and for violation of any of the articles of this treaty heavy penalties are prescribed. All of the missionary party, including the female members, have been invited to return to their posts and be formally reinstated. The ringleaders of the riot have been severely punished by fines and banishment.

The mining operations in Chefoo have proved successful, and some valuable mines have been discovered. A party of Americans continue their work in the mines, and express no fears on account of the soldiers of the Mandarin.

Major-Gen. BRUNNER has assumed the Lieutenant-Governorship of the Colony of Hong Kong.

T. T. MEADOW, the British Consul at New-Chwang, died suddenly.

The British ship *Neptune*, from Shanghai for Newcastle, N. S. W., was wrecked in June last. The vessel is a total loss. The American bark *Charle*, which was reported lost, has arrived at Shanghai, having floated off the beach at high tide, and was taken possession of by a party of pilots. The British bark *Fanny Small* was wrecked near Chefoo on the 24th of November. The English gunboat *Sparrow* has gone to Mata for the purpose of aiding the French minister in that port. The United States steamer *Ticonderoga*, with Admiral ROWAN on board, left on the 18th of December for Hong Kong, via Amoy. The United States steamer *Iroquois* left on the 5th of December for Hong Kong. The United States steamer *Adams* left on the 20th of November with sealed orders. No American vessels are now stationed on the north Chinese coast. All is quiet at Pekin.

Manila advices state that the people of the Philippine Island generally favor the new Government in Spain. No declaration has been made by the Governor-General, but full accounts of the late events in Spain have been published in the *Official Gazette*, which was regarded as a tacit acknowledgment of his sympathy with the revolutionists.

The weather in China is cold, and the navigation of the principal rivers is over for the season.

The United States Consul at Hankow has caused the local government to issue a proclamation forbidding the Chinese to molest the missionaries.

The British schooner *Alert* was wrecked on the 19th of November. The Captain and seven were saved, but the vessel is a total loss.

The Chinese newspapers contain editorials on the subject of emigration and colonization in Lower California, which has been opened to the Chinese on liberal terms.

A shock of earthquake was felt at Manila on the 23d of November.

The exportation of Coolies from Macao to Callao has been forbidden in consequence of the cruelties perpetrated upon Chinese laborers in Peru.

YOKOHAMA, Saturday, Dec. 26.

The City of Yeddo has been tranquil since the arrival of the Mikado. The political condition of the Empire is still unsettled.

Prince ITOKI has arrived at Yeddo, and is treated with great honor by the Elkado and the Tycoon.

The civil war has not totally ceased, but fresh disputes have broken out among the Feudal chiefs of either party, and fights frequently take place in the interior. Prince ITOKI gained great advantage over TOKUGAWA and has nearly refused them to submission.

The Council of Dennies has voted unanimously to recall the Ex-Tycoon of Yeddo to assist them in restoring the administration of the Government.

Hakodadi was captured on the 4th of December by the fleet of TOKUGAWA. An American-built war vessel, flying the Mikado's flag, and a Japanese boat under English colors, which was leaving the harbor with troops, were captured by the fleet.

The Japanese Government has sent official notification to the representatives of foreign Powers that YEDDO and Nagasaki will be opened to foreign commerce Jan. 1, 1869.

The Mikado has issued an edict ordering the decapitation of all the inmates of a dwelling in which a conflagration originates, accidentally or otherwise.

The United States steamers *Hassuna* and *Monocacy* are at Yokohama. The ram *Stonewall* has not yet been delivered to the Japanese Government, and continues to hoist American colors.

MEXICO.

Political Dissensions in the Pacific States—Another Revolution Being Organized.

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Late Mexican advices, via Acapulco, have been received here. The Legislature of Guerrero was in session, and exhibited anything but harmonious action. Gen. ALVAREZ's party were jubilant because Gen. ALVAREZ was to be called to the City of Mexico by the General Congress to defend himself against the complaints made against him. He has not yet complied with the order.

In the State of Oaxaca, a formidable revolution was brewing against the Government of Juarez. Gens. PORFIRIO DIAZ, NEGRETE, RAVERA, ALATORIZO and others are named as leading the malcontents, in concert with GUERRERO, ORTEGA, QUEREDA and GARZA. Further north, the Mexican Premier, SEBDO DE TEJADA, is the hated object against whom all the attacks are made, being equally detested by all parties.

Arrived at this port, ships *Mary E. Rigg* and *Free Trade*, from New-York.

CUBA.

An Outbreak Reported in the Central Department.

HAVANA, Thursday, Jan. 21.

A letter received here from one of the members of the Peace Commission, says that the insurrectionary Gen. CESPEDES and part of his army were in the Guis Mountains. The revolutionist, Gen. QUESADA, was at last accounts at La Guanaja, organizing his forces.

An unconfirmed report from revolutionary sources announces an outbreak in the Central Department.

HAYTI.

Success of the Revolutionists.

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Advices from Hayti state that a battle had taken place midway between the towns of Petit Reviere and Lanse-Avent, in which the Cacos were victorious.

The revolutionists appear to be gaining ground everywhere in Hayti.

THE PEABODY FUND.

Meeting of the Trustees in Baltimore—Report of the General Agent—Movements of Gen. Grant.

BALTIMORE, Md., Thursday, Jan. 21.

The fifth meeting, being the second regular annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Southern Educational Fund, convened at noon today, at Peabody Institute, in this city. There were present Hons. R. C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts, President; Hamilton Fish, New-York, and Right Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, Ohio, Vice-Presidents; Samuel Wetmore, New-York, Treasurer; George Peabody Russel, Massachusetts, Secretary; Gen. Grant, Admiral Farragut; John H. Clifford, Massachusetts; Wm. Aiken, South Carolina; Wm. Evarts, United States Attorney-General, New-York; William A. Graham, North Carolina; Edward A. Bradford, Louisiana, and George N. Eator, Maryland, and Rev. Dr. Sears, the General Agent of the Board. Hon. CHARLES MACALESTER, of Pennsylvania, was not present. With this exception and the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. WILLIAM C. RIVES, of Virginia, the meeting was full. The session to-day was strictly private, no reporters being admitted. It is understood the reports of Mr. SEARS, the General Agent, and Mr. WETMORE, Treasurer, were favorably received and accepted. The report of the General Agent embraces a general review of the state of education in the South. Mr. SEARS having personally visited all the Southern States. He represents the cause of education as rapidly advancing and improved, aided by the endowment of Mr. PEABODY. In Arkansas, the last State visited, schools are being established in all the principal towns, the local authorities or citizens supplying from one-third to one-half the necessary funds, and the Trustees of the Peabody Fund the balance. In Louisiana, where there was already a school fund, now aided by the trustees, the schools have been largely increased in number and improvement. The agent reports that after next year many schools, now assisted by the fund, will be successfully conducted without requiring aid. The report is represented to have been most gratifying to members of the Board. It, with all the proceedings, will be given to the public at the close of the session.

Gen. GRANT arrived here to-day at 11 o'clock, to attend the meeting of the Peabody Educational Fund. Quite a large crowd assembled at the depot to meet him, but there was no formal display or military parade, as was expected. He immediately proceeded to the residence of a private citizen.

The evening papers here publish a correspondence between Gov. BOWIE and Gen. GRANT, tendering the latter a military escort, on his arrival here, from the depot to his quarters, which Gen. GRANT declined. Gen. GRANT this afternoon visited a large colored church in this city.

Murder of a Farmer by his Nephew at Claremont, N. H.

CONCORD, N. H., Thursday, Jan. 21.

On Monday night last GEORGE WOODELL, a farmer living in Claremont, was murdered, and Mrs. WOODELL terribly cut, by their nephew, WILLIAM KENNY, who lived with them. The deed was perpetrated with an ax. KENNY disappeared until last night, when he returned to the house of his grandfather, near the scene of the murder, and was arrested.

Canadian News—The Nova Scotia Question.

OTTAWA, Thursday, Jan. 21.

The Privy Council hold meetings daily. It is understood the Nova Scotia question is under consideration. Messrs. HOWE and MCLELLAN are here.

General orders have been issued in a Gazette extraordinary, dividing the nine military districts into regimental and brigade divisions. The four military districts of Ontario are divided into eight regimental and eight brigade divisions. The brigade divisions number from west to east and the regimental divisions correspond with the electoral divisions.

DESBARAT's block, in which were situated the Guigon's Printing Office, the Royal Canadian Bank, Trotter's Hotel, the offices of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company and several other places of business, and also a small adjoining building, were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $25,000.

The Quebec Legislature assembled yesterday with the usual ceremonies.

Pierre BOURASSA, of Montreal, left for Rome last night. It is believed he will not again return to this country.

The Florida Senatorial Contest.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, Jan. 21.

No vote was taken for Senator to-day.

A committee has been appointed by joint ballot to inquire into the charges of bribery and corruption in the senatorial election last year, and the influence now exerted to prevent the election. The present indications are that GRAMMER's election will be indorsed. A joint Committee has been appointed to consider the proposition of the Alabama Annexation Commission.

The South Carolina Legislature.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Thursday, Jan. 21.

The State Senate to-day passed a bill increasing the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court to $4,500, and of Circuit Judges to $4,000.

A Republican banquet was given last evening by Senator LEWIS, in honor of the election of RUFUS B. FRANCE as United States Senator from New-York. Speeches were delivered by Mr. LEWIS and others.

The Indiana Senatorship—No Choice Yet Made.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Thursday, Jan. 21.

Two ballots were had in the Joint Convention of the Legislature at 12 o'clock to-day for United States Senator, each resulting CULBERSON, 67; EMERICHS, 62; FARRIS, 14. The Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Election of a United States Senator from Nebraska.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Jan. 21.

The *Democrat's* Omaha dispatch says Hon. T. W. TIPTON was yesterday reelected United States Senator.

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BANKING ASSOCIATIONS.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency have agreed to report the bill heretofore introduced by Representative BARKER:

Be it enacted, etc. That from and after the passage of this bill it shall be unlawful for any banking association, corporation, person or persons, to loan money upon United States legal-tender notes, commonly known as greenbacks, as collateral security, or where the custody or promise of custody of said legal-tender notes form any part of the security or consideration for said loans; and any party offending under this act, the said association, corporation, person or persons so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, in any United States Court, pay a sum equal to one-third of the money so loaned, and the President and Cashier of any bank, association or corporation making said unlawful loan or loans shall pay a further sum equal to one-quarter of the money so loaned. The same may be sued for by any person within the States where said offence is committed, and the forfeit or penalty therefor shall belong to the person or persons bringing said suit.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has nominated to the Senate: WM. B. CUMMINGS, to be Internal Revenue Assessor for the First District of New-York; JAMES H. CRAIGHEAD, to be Assessor for the Fifth District of Massachusetts; NATHANIEL T. SAWYER, Collector of Customs of the District of Frenchman's Bay, Me.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Capt. J. B. Creighton has been detached from the Oneida, and is relieved by Commander Williams, who has been detached from Ordnance duty at Boston. Commander J. M. Bradford will relieve Commander Williams at Boston.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The receipts from Customs from Jan. 11 to 16, inclusive, were as follows:

Boston	$412,180
New-York	3,818,608
Philadelphia	106,718
Baltimore	247,649
San Francisco, from Dec. 21 to Dec. 28	82,076
Total	$4,877,196

THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court of the United States, to-day, on motion of Hon. Henry Stanberry, Henry T. Kyle, Esq., of Ohio, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor of this Court.

On motion of Hon. S. P. Curtis, Chauncey Smith, Esq., of Boston, Mass., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor of this Court.

On motion of R. L. Wood, Esq., John Reynolds, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor of this Court.

No. 485—The United States, appellants, vs. Augustus Overton; appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California. On motion of Mr. CRITTENDEN, of counsel for the appellee, it was ordered by the Court that this appeal be dock ened and dismissed.

No. 6—Ethan Allen, appellant, vs. Hollin White et al. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. BROWNE, of counsel for the appellant, and continued by Mr. BRADLEY, for appellees.

The Court adjourned until Monday morning next.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 21.

The President presented a petition of the citizens of New-Jersey, for a Constitutional Amendment securing equal suffrage, and a petition for the extension of the eight hour law to other than Government employes, both of which were laid on the table.

Mr. SEWARD presented a petition of the criers and sheriffs in the United States Circuit and District Courts of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New-York, for an increase of their pay.

STARTING VESSELS.

Mr. CHANDLER introduced a bill to regulate the exaction of tonnage tax on Spanish vessels. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. POMEROY offered a resolution requesting the President to furnish the Senate with a copy of the report of Maj.-Gen. HARNEY, commander of the Indian District North of Nebraska, concerning the character and conduct of the Sioux and other Indians on the Arkansas.

Mr. SUMNER offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on the District of Columbia to consider whether any further legislation is necessary to regulate the transportation of prisoners convicted in the District to distant prisons where their sentences are to be enforced.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, introduced a bill to regulate the payment of the tonnage tax. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. HOWARD introduced a bill additional to the act granting lands to aid in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroads.

It provides for a guarantee by Government of the payment of the interest on the Company's fifty years' 6 per cent. bonds, to the extent of $6,400 in bonds per mile, the United States to be secured by the transfer of the sum due for Government transportation, and by the receipt of two per cent. on the road's gross earnings.

Mr. VICKERS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a substitute for the bill to amend the usury laws of the District of Columbia. It makes 6 per cent. the legal rate of interest, but allows special contracts for the payment of a rate not exceeding 8 per cent.

Mr. VICKERS also introduced a substitute for the bill enlarging and defining the powers of the Metropolitan Police, and regulating licenses, &c.

Mr. CHANDLER introduced a bill to regulate the exaction of tonnage tax upon Spanish vessels, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

It provides that Spanish vessels coming from ports in Spanish or foreign colonies, shall be required to pay United States vessels in such ports.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, introduced a bill to regulate the payment of the tonnage tax, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

It provides for the repeal of section 4, act of March 3, 1820, and section 15 of act of July 4, 1866, so that the tonnage tax imposed thereby shall be collected only from vessels arriving from foreign ports.

ILLEGAL SALES OF PASSENGERS.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL, the Senate took up the bill previously introduced by him, to punish the collection of illegal sales on passengers.

Mr. MORRILL moved to refer it to the Committee on Commerce, in order that it may amend so as to show how it should be done. He cited the laws of Maryland, enacted in 1833, and subsequently at various times amended, requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to pay into the State Treasury one-fifth of the fare levied on each passenger between Baltimore and Washington, and the same law of Pennsylvania, requiring the Pennsylvania Railroad to pay into the Treasury of the State a certain proportion of money received for passenger fare and freight carriage. The tax in both cases, though nominally collected from the Railroad Companies, was really a tax on passengers upon travel, and the laws imposing it were valid because in violation of the Constitution, which gives to citizens of the United States a common country, and guarantees to every citizen the right of free travel throughout every part of that country, without taxation, interruption or obstruction by State laws. These laws of Maryland and New-Jersey, although always in gross violation of the general tenor and spirit of the Constitution, were, perhaps, in direct violation of any particular provision of it previous to the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment, which provides that no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, because the right of free travel was one of those immunities, and a tax upon that right was an abridgement of it. For twenty-five years, Maryland and New-Jersey had filled their Treasuries at the expense of the people of the whole country, and as the abuse would certainly continue unless prevented, he had introduced this bill, making it a misdemeanor to pay or levy such a tax, and giving the Supreme Court of the United States appellate jurisdiction in any case which might arise under the law.

Mr. FESSENDEN said the bill and the argument of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. MORRILL) were hostile to interests of New-Jersey and friendly to the interests of railroad companies, and other would be glad to have Congress settle the payment of the State tax while they were allowed, at the same time, to retain their existing franchises. He, therefore, wished to be heard before the Committee on the bill, in defense of the interests of his State.

THE AIR LINE RAILROAD.

The morning hour having expired, the bill went over, and the Senate resumed consideration of the bill to promote commerce among the States, &c.

The amendments reported by the Committee were read and adopted.

Mr. VICKERS made a long speech in opposition to the bill, in the course of which he said that the Maryland Legislature had opened the first railroad communication between Washington, and had never hesitated to grant charters for the construction of needed railroads and canals.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to amend by adding at the end of the first section's proviso that the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad may be adopted as a part of the road between Washington and Baltimore contemplated by the act, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the New-York and Washington Railroad Company and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, which was agreed to.

The President presented the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Kansas Legislature favoring the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to strike out the last two sections of the bill providing for the Cleveland and Cincinnati roads so as to make the bill provide for a road only between New-York and Washington.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved to amend the twelfth section by striking out the clause prohibiting a higher tax of taxation of the property of this road than on other roads within the State, and to insert a provision "that other taxes may be levied upon said road, and in the same manner, and to the same extent, as other roads are levied upon the property of other roads."

Mr. CONKLING said the bill was based, if not at all, under the clause of the Constitution empowering Congress to establish post offices and post roads, and the proposed railroad being established by the bill as a post road, the question arose whether, under the judicial decisions on the subject, it should not be entirely exempt from State taxation, as an instrumentality of the Government of the United States.

Messrs. FESSENDEN, WILSON and SHERMAN briefly discussed this question, and the amendment of Mr. WILLIAMS was adopted.

Mr. DOOLITTLE moved to amend the eighth section so as to make the consent of the Legislatures of the seven Territories which the roads pass necessary to authorize the county to purchase stock, receive real estate, &c., but withdrew the amendment temporarily.

Mr. WILLEY said that he was not quite satisfied of the constitutional power of Congress to pass this bill; but of the pressing necessity for greater facility of railroad communication with the national capital there would be no doubt. He, therefore, moved to amend the bill by inserting a provision for a road from Washington to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, at or near Staunton, Va., which, he said, need be only one hundred miles long, and would open a direct railway communication between Washington and the Valley of the Mississippi.

Mr. SHERMAN favored the construction of railroads, but preferred that it should be provided for in a separate bill, because he wished the bill under consideration to provide merely for a road between Washington and New-York.

Mr. FESSENDEN said that he had been friendly to the bill in its original form; but, if it was to provide for a road to New-York, which there was already good road already, he should take very little interest in it. The great need was for new railroads between Washington and the West, and, in that view, the amendment of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. WILLEY) was really more important than the bill itself.

Mr. WILLEY withdrew his amendment at the suggestion of Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. DOOLITTLE again moved the amendment which he had temporarily withdrawn.

RAILROAD LANDS.

Mr. HOWARD introduced a bill supplementary to the bill to grant public lands, and in the construction of railroad and telegraph lines to Puget Sound. Referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroad.

SALES OF GOLD.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to prohibit secret sales of gold, &c., which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

SECRET SALES OF GOLD BONDS.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to prohibit the secret sale or purchase of gold bonds on account of the United States and for other purposes, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

It provides that hereafter no compensation of any amount or kind shall be allowed to any person for the sale, purchase or exchange of any bonds or securities of the United States, or of any note or bullion ordered or at the Treasury Department or elsewhere on account of the United States. It further provides that hereafter all exchange purchases or sales of the bonds of the United States shall be made by inviting the competition of the public by advertising for proposals for such exchange, purchase or sale, which shall be awarded publicly to the best bidder or bidders, the Secretary of the Treasury reserving the right to reject any such bids, should he deem it best for the public interest to do so, and that all future sales of the g

MAGAZINES.

—*Putnam's Magazine* opens with a pleasantly written essay by H. T. TUCKERMAN on the "Ass in Life and Letters." The author writes in a kindly spirit of his long-eared friend, and vindicates his claim to more consideration than has usually fallen to his lot; but we fear that "fellow-feeling" or undue admiration leads him too far when he enumerates among the "admirable physical qualities" of this "exemplary beast," his "extraordinary length of ear," and the "mark of a cross on his back!" "Work, wages, compensation," &c., by O. C. F. CLARKE, contains some valuable suggestions on a very important subject. We had thought that the story of the traveler digging out Egyptian mummies for treasure, and becoming insane or dying by handling the poisoned mystic ornaments, was pretty well used up, but here it is again in "A New Œdipus," and told as well as such a story can be told. Mr. GARDNER's serial "In the Saddle, on the Plains," is continued from the September number, and is enlivened with a spirited story, put into the mouth of a veteran wagon-master. "Sabatane and Shadow—A Fantasy," by EUGENE BENSON, is a curious piece of imaginative writing. The idea, however, is not new in fiction. Mrs. GROSBEAU contributes an interesting and well-written story, "A Violin Stop," of which only the first part is given. The sketch entitled "A Sermon at Notre Dame" would have been readable had it been somewhat compressed. In spite of the interest of the subject, and the author's agreeable style, the reader had been better pleased with ten than with sixteen pages. The long serial, "To-day—A Romance," is continued through the fifth chapter, with well-sustained interest. Mrs. SERANNA HARDING DAVIS discourses on "Men's Rights,"—not exactly in the tone of the *Revolution*. Mr. R. C. STEDMAN discusses "The Gallows in America," and takes strong ground in favor of the abolition of this form of inflicting the penalty of death. The editorial departments of the Magazine, comprising book notices, by E. C. STEDMAN, "Notes on Foreign Literature," &c., by BAYARD TAYLOR, "Table Talk," "Fine Arts," &c., are full and interesting. The number contains several fine pieces of poetry, one of which, "An Invocation," by R. H. STODDARD, was quoted in the TIMES of Sunday. On the whole, *Putnam's* for February is an excellent and readable number.

—*The Galaxy* for February is one of the best numbers ever issued of this periodical—which, upon the whole, is saying a great deal. The most noteworthy of its contents is Mrs. EDWARDS' new story of "Susan Fielding," which evinces all the matured skill and genius of this practised and charming novelist. It will take something as powerful as CHARLES READE's new story, which is soon to begin in the *Galaxy*, to divert attention from "Susan Fielding." As this latter wanes, Mrs. AUSTIN's "Cipher" wanes; and, since the key to the "Cipher" is given in this number, of course the end of the story is nigh. This novel, brief as it is, has indicated that its author may take a high position among American novelists. The most noteworthy essay in this number is the admirable article of JUSTIN MCCARTHY on "Queen Victoria and Her Subjects," at once thoughtful, moderate in judgment, vigorous, learned, and pleasing in style. Dr. DRAPER puts a lance in rest, and rifts in the new crusade against the adulteration of coffee. We gather from him that in modern coffee we are wont to drink chicory, carrots, parsnips, turnips, sugar, sawdust, rags, red earth, rope yarn, tar, and baked horse-livers—not all at once, eh, good Doctor? That is nice provende r for a man's stomach. Mr. C. W. ELLIOTT gives a sketch of CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN, accompanied by a portrait. "Twenty Thousand Dollars" is a good, sensational story, broken into paragraphs as short as DUMAS, into sentences of the French *staccato* sort, and dramatic all the way through. Mr. R. G. WHITE continues his popular and instructive "Words and Their Uses," with a chapter on "The Grammerlets Tongue," meaning, as perhaps we ought to explain, the English language. He holds that copiousness of inflection in language is a sign of imperfection, so that, taking the Greek as perhaps the most complex and elaborate in this respect, he says he believes "that its complication, so far from being an element of its power, is a sign of rudeness and a remnant of barbarism." "Violet Eyes," by STEDMAN, and "A Message" by H. H., are lateful poems. "Light-houses" (by a coincidence, there is an article in the February *Harper* on the same subject) is interesting, and has eight illustrations, of which one is a full-page. Mr. BENSON takes up Mr. GOWAN of the *Post*, in this number of his "New-York Journalists." Mr. WARKMAN has a very amusing article called "Don't Get Excited," and other good short articles are on "Thirty Months at the Dry Tortugas," "Rossini," and "Venetian Carnival." In his "Drift-wood," PHILIP QUILLIBET talks pleasantly of "Novels and Novelists." The Art-critic of the *Galaxy* calls upon the artists to courageously push into new thought and new treatment, "instead of monotonously repeating themselves on every canvas they stretch."

—The *Atlantic* for February is very pleasant and profitable reading. The department of "Reviews and Literary Notices" appears to us unusually good in this number, particularly the reviews of LOWELL and BROWNING, regarding the former of which we may say that, too brief as it is, it is thoroughly worthy of the book which it approaches with so loving and thorough appreciation. The "Oldport Romance" of Mr. HIGGINSON, unfolds very cautiously and deliberately, and with economy of material, yet with that consummate art which this excellent magazinist is now obviously conveying from his essays to his new venture of story-writing. We do not, however, intend to be held as subscribing to the opinion he expresses, either as one of consummate art or plain fact that "most handsome men must consent to be mildly hated by their own sex"—for only stupidly vain and conceited handsome men suffer that penalty, which Mr. HIGGINSON, curiously enough, seems to think not deserved. His hero—"Philip Malbone"—comes on the stage in this number, and is happily described as a man of "sunny temperament and multivalve heart," i. e., we should judge, a kind of Mormon Sydney or Sirling Bayard. We are glad to see this character started, because it is a dangerous one to handle without offence, and gives a chance for much art. WALT WHITMAN's "Proud Music of the Sea-Storm" is a notable gathering of resonant and suggestive phrases. It is another poem in tribute of the senses as affecting the imagination; and as, in former poems, he has sung the senses of sight and of touch, now he chants that of hearing, saying to the soul:

"All senses, shows and objects lead to thee,
But now it seems to me, sound leads o'er all the rest."

Here is something that we do not remember to have seen in ordinary musical criticisms with their "notices of the performers:"

"The evening bay comes!
The lustrous orb—Venus centrally—the blooming mother
Sister of loftiest gods—ALBONI's self I hear."

"Our Postal Deficiencies" is—not that, at all events, as the reader will find—but simply an adroit plea, veiled under that guileless title, for Government's buying up and monopolizing the telegraphs. The ingenious writer is Mr. R. H. DERBY, who does it very shrewdly and plausibly—omitting, however, to note the territorial and other differences between our continental domains and the States of Great Britain and Belgium, with which a pretended comparison is published. If set down as a part of Mr. BAIRD's desired telegraph contract, it would be well enough; but as an article on "Our postal deficiencies" it becomes a very jobbish affair. "We should not resort to extreme measures," says the writer, meaning measures to bankrupt the old Companies, "unless the existing Companies should deliberately determine to delay improvement and defy the Government." The sound and useful articles on "Cooperative Housekeeping" and "Consumption in America" are concluded in this number, and an able series on "The New Education," i. e., in scientific studies, is begun. ARTHUR PENRYN makes a pretty plea for "Bitualism in England," which cannot fail of having sympathizing readers. Mrs. STOWE pays a graceful tribute to the memory of the Duchess of Sutherland. Mr. DE FOREST's "Love in Mount Lebanon" is a very nice little story. Mr. BENSON's felicitous poem, "The Doorstep," we have already quoted—other poems begin the "Coronation" and "The Bee and the Rose." Mr. BENSON describes a French poet, almost unknown in America, CHARLES BAUDELAIRE, whom he happily styles "Poet of the Malign." "The Birth of the Solar System" is an interesting physical speculation; "Our Four Servants," a short sketch of some freed people.

—*House of Home* opens with the second of Prof. NOAH PORTER's suggestive papers on "Books and Reading." In this number he discusses the questions, "What is a Book and what is it to Read?" The United States Consul at Syria contributes an account of the "Fountains at Syria," which will be read with interest. "Ruth and Naomi" is a touching scriptural poem by "Howard Glyndon," (the author, name of Miss LAURA C. REDDEN.) "Motherless Girls," a serial story of the last century, by the author of *Mary Powell*, is continued through the fourteenth chapter. It is not a very exciting story, but pursues the even, middle way between brilliancy and dullness. Prof. PARSONS' article, entitled "Glimpses of Old Authors," contains a very just estimate of the character of Lord BACON. "Sebastopol in May, 1855," is the title of the first of a series of papers descriptive of the memorable conflict in the Crimea, by an eye-witness, Count LEO TOLSTOI, the leading novelist of Russia. The narrative is a brilliant piece of writing, and is well translated by Mr. EDGARS SCHUYLER, United States Consul at Moscow. Mr. J. T. HEADLEY, the historian, contributes a very sensational article on "Planchette at the Confessional." The reverend gentleman discards, of course, the spiritual or demonian theory, and explains all the phenomena on that of magnetic force. The instances adduced to sustain this view (which is no, indeed, original with Mr. HEADLEY) are new and interesting. "The Chaplet of Pearls" is happily brought to a conclusion in this number, which closes with "Leisure Moments," "Books and Authors Abroad," and literature of the day.

—*Harper's*. The opening article is the conclusion of the series of papers entitled "A Sleigh-ride Through Eastern Russia," with many spirited woodcuts of scenery and incidents. "Zanzibar," another illustrated article, gives a very readable account, by a lady, of a country of which but little is known. "The Executive Department and Seals," contains some interesting historical reminiscences concerning the origin and early use of the official seals of the several departments of the Government. The story called "Grandpapa's Baby" is prettily told, but might with advantage have been compressed into half the space. In "Chivalrous and Semi-Chivalrous Southrons," Mr. J. W. DEFOREST details many anecdotes of the war and of the period just succeeding the war, some of which are readable enough, but others hardly worth the space they occupy in print. "Fate and Daisies" is a well-told story. "My Enemy's Daughter," continued through the eighth chapter, is a very readable story, and Lilla Lyndon is quite a new character in fiction. "A Wife of the Period" is not a story in the vein of the *Saturday Review* articles, nor a satire upon housekeepers, but a quiet domestic tale that has many counterparts in real life. "Light-houses" gives some account of the origin of these useful structures, and contains a number of interesting anecdotes concerning them. The editorial departments are of average interest. The "Easy Chair" replies, not very forcibly, to an article on copying pictures that appeared some time ago in the *Galaxy*.

—*Lippincott's Magazine*. The February number of this periodical has a varied and attractive table of contents, and fully sustains the high character it has won in this department of literature. The article on THACKERAY is able and discriminating. HOWARD GLYNDON's "New Legend" is a striking poem, perhaps a little wanting in polish and smoothness, but far superior to T. BUCHANAN READ's verses called "My Chalet," which are nothing but a string of common-places. "The Price of a Dream" is a very fair magazine story. Prof. SAMUEL H. DICKSON contributes a rather interesting paper on "The Phenomena of Memory," though his views and illustrations are by no means new.

—*Onward*—Capt. MAYNE REID introduces the second number of his magazine with an elaborate apology for the deficiencies of the first. Neither "cover nor cuts," he says, came up to his expectations. The "guardian angel" on the cover was "transformed to the seeming of Satan," and the eagle "Onward" was a wretched caricature of a goose. We really can't see much improvement in the cover or the illustrations of the number before us, but the editor evidently considers them all right. The character of the reading matter is unchanged. Capt. REID contributes several sensational stories, written in a slap-dash, cheap-novel style. The peculiar, flattened type in which the poetry and editorial notes are printed dazzles the eye, and is very apt to give the reader a headache.

—*Our Young Folks* for February contains, besides much other reading matter, the continuation of "The Story of a Bad Boy," a second paper about the manufacture of glass, the first of an interesting series of papers on "Navigation and Discovery before Columbus," an amusing story called "The Cat's Diary,"—though there isn't much cat-nature in it. The illustrations to this number are numerous and well done.

—*The Riverside Magazine*, like *Our Young Folks*, continues to furnish a varied and attractive table of contents every month and the Editor promises new attractions in literature and illustration during the present year. The February number shows how well able he is to keep his word.

The Remains of Lieut. Beecher Stolen by the Indians.

From the Boston Traveler, Jan. 12.

Lieut. FRED. K. BEECHER, son of Rev. CHAS. BEECHER, of Georgetown, Mass., was killed in the Indian war in September, 1868, and was buried with another officer on the field. It was the intention to remove his body to Georgetown for burial, and messengers were dispatched for that purpose, and their return was looked for the past week, when the funeral services were to be held (conducted by Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER) at Georgetown. The messengers have returned, and brought the sad tidings that the grave had been robbed by Indians and that no trace could be had of the body of young BEECHER. The grave adjoining had also been disconcerted and its inmate conveyed away. No information could be learned of the perpetrators of the outrage, and the afflicted friends are thus denied giving a Christian burial to their kindred dust.

Removal of the Central Railroad Depot in Rochester.

From the Rochester Express, Jan. 18.

We learn that it is seriously contemplated by the Managers of the Central Railroad to remove the tracks and depot of that road from its present location, to a point in the vicinity of the Weighlock, and to cross the river this side of Brown-street. This would enable them to avoid the grade at the crossing of the canal at Allen-street, the Society for the prevention of cruelty to children, escaped from a burning building, and, assessing the others, [illegible] The firemen, search discovered [illegible] After vainly [illegible] their horror, [illegible] to perish in the flames. One girl, [illegible] of age, the other, a boy of [illegible] years, were almost distracted by the terrible calamity which had befallen them.

The building was owned by HENRY WEYERS, who sustains a loss of about $1,800; insured. J. G. BRAUN, the occupant of the grocery store, sustained a loss of $1,600, upon which there is an insurance of $1,000 in the Niagara Company. JOHN H. GUPPER, a clerk in the employ of Mr. BRAUN, was subdued.

[illegible] the cause of having set fire to the place, although the evidence, so far, hardly warrants suspicion against him. The second floor was occupied by last families, the front by Mr. ROBINSON, and the rear by Mr. BRAU. The third floor, rear, was occupied by OWEN DALEY. The occupants lost all their household effects.

Yesterday morning, about 5:30 o'clock, a fire broke out in a three-story brick building in Raymond-place, near Tillary-Street, occupied by MORRIS PUTZ as a Bologna Sausage manufactory. The stock and machinery were insured, involving a loss of $5,000; insured in the Williamsburg City Company for $1,000. The premises are owned by Mr. JAMES CONNELLY, who sustained a loss of $2,500; insured in the New-Amsterdam Company for $1,000. The fire appears to have been of accidental origin.

The Dogberry Murder.

Authorities Again Baffled.

The latest developments in the Rogers case are not only the most important, but are also the most singular. It is well known that the authorities were for days in hot pursuit of a [illegible] Sing convict, named Tom McGIVNEY, for a presumed connection with the murder. The theory at first acted on was that he was the leader in the crime, but as time passed this became untenable, and he was merely wanted as the important witness called for in the last issue of the Mayor's proclamation who could explain all about who wrote the envelope and who carried it. Last of all it was discovered that the authorities were so much at fault in acting on the last hypothesis as in entertaining the former theory.

Thus the authorities have been true to wickedness and baffled in not surprising what it is known that they have been the victims of a plot, shrewdly concocted and adroitly managed by the outlaw friends of the thieves, partaking the role of McGIVNEY. When JAMES LOGAN (No. 1) surrendered himself he tumbled down the then established theory of the murder, and the clerk was the to find the person who had written or carried the envelope. Suspicion alighted upon McGIVNEY, and this was the initial point of his subtlest plot, by communication to the Detectives; they confirmed this suspicion, and succeeded better than they intended, for they established a belief that McGIVNEY was the murderer. It took them some time to disabuse the official mind of this idea and put in its place the conviction that while McGIVNEY was entirely innocent of the crime, and could easily prove an alibi, he was the greatly-needed witness who could link the murder to the murderer. When they had succeeded in this they had carried their first point, and boldly advanced a second step by offering to produce McGIVNEY if a free pardon from Sing Sing should be promised him. This offer was considered, and would doubtless have been accepted had not the thieves been two communicative and contradictory. They talked with others besides detectives, and some of their threats leaked into publicity. Meanwhile, the thieves, fearing they had admitted among themselves the nature of the game they were playing, and had chuckled too soon over their prospect of getting a "pal" out of the clutches of the law. By means peculiar to the detective art the thieves were thoroughly probed, and as a result came the hasty and most singular denouement of the case. McGIVNEY had not had any hand in the murder, and was valueless even as a witness, and Gov. HOFFMAN, Mayor HALL, and District-Attorney GARVIN could congratulate themselves that they had proceeded with due caution and made no rash promises.

Yesterday McGIVNEY was not wanted, save as a convict to be sent back to the prison from which he had escaped. The authorities had, as they aptly said, already too many elephants on their hands to assume charge of another promising to prove more unmanageable and costly than all the rest put together. But, in throwing McGIVNEY out of the scale, it was acknowledged that we were a burning point had been reached, and pursuit was again as entirely at fault as at the moment when the envelope was found in the pocket of the coat. Active pursuit must not cease, and there is nothing to be done but to watch and wait patiently for the developments which time may bring. It is manifest that with the hope that some lucky chance may produce that result which industry and acumen have failed to even approximate. How totally hopeless the case now seems to those whose knowledge is most intimate, may be gathered from the conviction which they do not hesitate to declare that they have come into possession of nothing which will be legal evidence to convict any one of the crime. They may have the murderer of Rogers in custody, or he may be across the Atlantic Ocean, but they are powerless to prove the one or other. Meanwhile they retain the three Logans and TALLMADGE in custody, and the detectives continue to swagger aimlessly among the thieves, hoping to pick up something that has promise in it. But their efforts are as yet poorly rewarded, and although it can hardly be said that active pursuit has been abandoned it has certainly grown lax, and cannot be productive of anything decisive. But the persons held in custody are becoming impatient under their protracted imprisonment, and yesterday a writ of habeas corpus, directed to Capt. ALLAIRE, of the Twenty-first Precinct, in behalf of JAMES LOGAN, (No. 3,) was obtained from Judge BRADLEY, of the Supreme Court, before whom the prisoner will be brought this morning.

Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce met at 1 o'clock yesterday, Mr. WM. E. DODGE in the Chair.

Col. F. A. CONKLING offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The three taxes imposed by Congress for the unconstitutional discharge of voluntary bankruptcies, the tax upon the gross receipts of the Railroad Companies from June 1, 1867, and finally Jan. 1, 1869, have all ceased, and the law is now in the shape intended by Congress at the time of its passage; and

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Chamber, the true interests of commerce require that the law in its present form should be allowed to be fully tested by experience, and that no action should be taken looking to an unconditional discharge should be enacted by Congress.

Mr. A. A. LOW then delivered a lengthy address, based upon a series of resolutions offered at the previous meeting, to the effect that Treasury notes, not having their value fixed by any gold standard, and being a legal tender, caused risk and uncertainty in the transaction of the business of the country, on account of their constantly varying relation to gold; that greenbacks, or the legal-tender notes, now in circulation, should be redeemed at a fixed price for gold from month to month, the market value being assumed, in the first instance, and at a difference of one per cent, a month for every month, until the value of the two become equalized; that any deficit in the revenue, caused by this redemption, should be met by an issue of United States bonds, and, in order to procure a quick and advantageous sale of them, and to supply any need of a circulating medium that may arise in consequence of the withdrawal of several hundred millions of legal tender, that the bonds be made receivable as the basis for the issue of an additional amount of National Bank notes, and that the Banking law should be so modified as to admit of the additional issue; a modification of the law, the resolutions said, should take place for the collection of duties on imports, to the effect that five or ten per cent. should be received by the Government in legal tender, providing the foregoing provisions for redeeming and cancelling the notes should fail to be operative, or operate too slowly, on account of the steady appreciation in value of the notes, contemplated by the plan of redemption urged.

Mr. ED. J. JEFFRAY then read a paper, culminating in the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Chamber petition the Senate and House of Representatives to enact a law for the gradual and uniform funding of legal tender currency, and that they respectfully suggest that the funding may be safely accomplished at the rate of $4,000,000 every month until the whole four hundred millions are funded.

Mr. JONATHAN SCRUGGS then read a document, followed by these resolutions, as a basis of action for the permanent settlement of our national finances:

1. Declare that when the debt is paid, it shall be paid in coin.
2. Legalize gold contracts.
3. Introduce the strictest economy in every department of the Government.
4. Refuse all subsidies and unnecessary appropriations.
5. See that the revenues are economically, energetically, and honestly collected.
6. Use all the surplus revenue in reducing the debt.
7. Take away all power from the Secretary of the Treasury to make money plentiful or scarce.
8. Let the people understand that, while they need not fear immediate danger, it will be dangerous to run on indefinite suspension.
9. Contract the currency moderately the first year, next year determine whether the country will bear a more speed contraction.
10. Reduce the taxes, so as to leave only surplus revenue sufficient to pay off annually a reasonable amount of the debt.
11. Resume specie payments as soon as a rigid adherence to the above policy makes it safe to do so.

Mr. ORDWAY spoke briefly in support of the resolutions of Mr. JEFFRAY, and thought there was nothing in them to which any intelligent merchant or good citizen could object.

Mr. LEONARD BELL also indorsed the resolutions of Mr. SCRUGGS.

Mr. S. B. CHITTENDEN commended the sentiments of Mr. LOW, and was very fearful of the result to commerce if the present financial condition continued. He asserted that not one-third of the seventeen hundred National Banks in the country could pay back the capital of their stockholders to-day. (This startling assertion of Mr. CHITTENDEN seemed to be tacitly acquiesced in by the many gentlemen present. No one attempted to combat it.) Mr. CHITTENDEN then expatiated upon the enormous power over the supply market possessed by the great stock-speculating rings, and closed with offering the following resolutions:

Resolved, That contraction of the paper circulation of the country is the vital antecedent of permanent resumption of specie payments; that the contraction of the currency authorized by Congress in 1866 and 1867 produced no bad results; that any legislation on the subject of resuming specie payments, which ignores the necessity for contracting the currency will increase the burdens of taxpayers, and tend directly to repudiation and national dishonor.

A Mr. MOSES WEBB was then introduced by Mr. LOW, who desired to read a paper upon the finances, but the Chairman, adjourned further proceedings until next Thursday, at 1 P. M.

Fires in Brooklyn—Two Children Burned to Death.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the three-story frame building corner of North Third and Fourth streets, Williamsburg. The first floor was occupied as a grocery by J. G. BOHM, and the upper stories by a number of families. The occupants were all in bed at the time, and, being awakened by the smoke and crackling of the flames, found that the attic were on fire, and all means of egress shut off. The police and firemen placed ladders at the windows, and rescued all the persons in the house. The third floor, front, was occupied by FRANCISCO TRONE, whose family consisted of his wife and five children. He and Mrs. TRONE, with three children, escaped from the burning building, and, assessing the others, [illegible] The firemen, search discovered [illegible] After vainly [illegible] their horror, [illegible] to perish in the flames. One girl, [illegible] of age, the other, a boy of [illegible] years, were almost distracted by the terrible calamity which had befallen them.

The building was owned by HENRY WEYERS, who sustains a loss of about $1,800; insured. J. G. BRAUN, the occupant of the grocery store, sustained a loss of $1,600, upon which there is an insurance of $1,000 in the Niagara Company. JOHN H. GUPPER, a clerk in the employ of Mr. BRAUN, was subdued.

[illegible] the cause of having set fire to the place, although the evidence, so far, hardly warrants suspicion against him. The second floor was occupied by last families, the front by Mr. ROBINSON, and the rear by Mr. BRAU. The third floor, rear, was occupied by OWEN DALEY. The occupants lost all their household effects.

Yesterday morning, about 5:30 o'clock, a fire broke out in a three-story brick building in Raymond-place, near Tillary-Street, occupied by MORRIS PUTZ as a Bologna Sausage manufactory. The stock and machinery were insured, involving a loss of $5,000; insured in the Williamsburg City Company for $1,000. The premises are owned by Mr. JAMES CONNELLY, who sustained a loss of $2,500; insured in the New-Amsterdam Company for $1,000. The fire appears to have been of accidental origin.

New Champion on "Social Forces."

Rev. E. H. CHAPIN, D.D., lectured last evening at Rodney-Hall upon the subject of "Social Forces." Introducing his remarks with the statement of the fact that in things, both in the natural and moral universe, move, he proposed to consider in the present lecture the secondary forces by which society is agitated and urged on. Accurately speaking, there is but one social force, he said, and that is the power of mind. But, taking a broader view, the number of agents of human movement are multitudinous and diverse. They can be classed under the heads of mechanical, intellectual and moral forces. External nature plays an important part in the destinies of man, as can be seen in the effect of climate, soil, food, &c., upon his condition. Machinery is a social force in just so much as nature is a social force. If the movements of humanity have been influenced by the range of mountains or the curves of a coast line, the same potentiality inheres in a drop of water or a lump of ore. In the fields which man cultivate and the plow which they pop-ulate, there is the same lawful, uniform impulse of mind and matter, and nature gives her installment to the full. Mechanical power is not a mere symbol of human progress but in itself a positive force in the universe. But the first weight of machinery is not like the intelligence of man. The characteristic of intellectual force are the spontaneous, diffusive and edifice of truth, by public conviction and education. The lecturer expanded upon these features of the mind-power, showing their potent influence in moving society. Turning to moral forces, the great motive powers of society are to be profoundly traced in the moral region, which commanded the will, the affections, the passions of man; and social progress is to be rated, not by the amount of intellectual truth which any community may convey upon its surface, but by the substance of goodness which accumulates at its core. Truth can be attained only by the full exercise of the moral qualities. So—poor and dim though this atom of humanity seem—feeble and wicked as are the generations that wander near it, humanity is not a waif tossed by the sea of time. It is not an orphan or abandoned humanity, though all that moves our pity, our horror, or our laughter, is in this great drama of history. Gravitation, or some other mysterious law of purpose, as surely as a law, binds together every atom in the great glacier's bulk and cuts the groove and sets the course in which it runs.

The Ice Crop.

Much annoyance has been experienced by the ice companies of this City, owing to the state of the Hudson River and Rockland Lake, from both of which the supply for this market is drawn. A promising field of ice was formed during the latter part of December, but a heavy snow fell upon it about the beginning of this month, from nine to eighteen inches in depth, which was scaled by subsequent freshets, and became a vast and unavailable mass of snow-ice, as soon as a frost again occurred. Owing to the late mild weather, this ice is yet unsafe, but, when strong enough to bear teams, ploughs will be used upon it, the surface scraped off, and the sound ice extracted. Rockland Lake, owing to its not being affected by the freshets, is in better condition than the Hudson, but is still in a very unsatisfactory state. Being but 2,200 feet from the river, this is the only lake which affords facilities for cutting. It communicates with the Hudson by a short railway, and is worked upon by but one Company, which employs about 1,000 men, together with nearly 4,000 more upon the boats. These latter obtain employment, for a certain their material solely from the Hudson, and employ in the aggregate about 2,800 men during each Winter. Laborers on ice receive from $1 50 to $1 75 a day, and much disappointment exists among them on account of the weather, as the wood-chopping with which they otherwise occupied themselves is not as profitable as ice-cutting. The capital employed by ice companies upon Rockland Lake and the Hudson together, amounts to at least $8,000,000. A number of the ice-houses have cost $50,000 each, and the steam engines and machinery for depositing and withdrawing ice, from $15,000 to $25,000 more. Ice-plows costs from $75 to $100 apiece. Operations on the river for this market are confined between Marlborough, six miles above Newburr, and New-Baltimore, twenty miles below Albany. Above New-Baltimore the ice cut is for local use. Notwithstanding the present uncertainty, it is generally entertained that this City will not be able to obtain all the ice it needs during the coming Summer. It will be sought in Maine, or, if necessary, in Nova Scotia, provided the crop here fails entirely.

The Fruit-Growers' Club.

This Society met yesterday at their rooms No. 345 Broadway. The Chairman being absent at the time appointed, the Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. HALLOCK, took the chair. Mrs. JERRY S. WHITLOCK's resignation as Treasurer was then read and accepted, and Mr. S. S. WHITLOCK elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. H. T. WILLIAMS said that a good subject for discussion was little birds and their habits. He then read a communication stating that little birds are a great blessing to horticulturists and farmers generally; that they destroyed a great number of worms and noxious insects, and he gave as an instance the habits of the English sparrow, and their effect in almost freeing the parks in this City from worms, &c.

Mr. CARPENTER said that in proof of the usefulness of birds, when he visited the Shaker settlements at Watervliet he soon saw that their farm of 800 acres was kept in the neatest order and was free from insects, and also that there were great numbers of birds there, and the contrast in appearance of this farm with those about was so great that he asked the reason, and was told that they had to thank the birds for it. Mr. CARPENTER said the subject of insectivorous birds is an important one. Crows are the farmers' best friends, but are thought to be their enemies. By feeding them clean-out half bushel corn on six acres, they will not pull a nit of corn, and will destroy great numbers of worms and grubs. Some people think they will eat the eggs of hens, and little birds also.

Mr. FULLER said from his own experience he thought they would not eat the eggs of little birds or any other kind unless starved.

Mr. BRUNE said there are laws enough in every State to prohibit the destruction of birds, and they should be put in force.

Dr. HALLOCK remarked that the law is no help to us. Every person should act as a Police officer—without the club—and this would keep people from destroying the birds.

An inquiry was made as to where English sparrows could be obtained, and it was stated that they could be got in Jersey City, as they were so plenty as to be a nuisance, and were to be destroyed.

Mr. A. S. FULLER read an essay on city gardens, giving much valuable and practical information.

Mr. SKINNER said that in Boston they are preparing a horticultural school for women. It would be well for this great City to buy a farm and send the outcast women there instead of to Blackwell's Island.

The Club then adjourned.

The Labor Exchange.

From the semi-monthly report of the Castle Garden Labor Exchange, it appears that from Jan. 2 to the 15th the applicants for employment numbered 1,459; males, 851; females, 608. Orders of employers for laborers, 765; males, 393; females, 372. Persons employed, 675; males, 303; females, 372. Among these were twelve families, comprising 28 persons. The average rate of monthly wages paid to males was $29; to females, $9.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—DOWLING, JUSTICE.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

On Monday night last, JAMES BARRY, of No. 260 Mott-street, was accosted by JAMES MCNAMEE, in Mott-street, near Prince, and before BARRY could divine his intentions, MCNAMEE knocked him down, and, with the assistance of three unknown confederates, succeeded in rifling his pockets of $9, which he carried in a bag fastened upon his person. Officer MARTINOUS, of the Fourteenth Ward, made search for the gang, and arrested MCNAMEE yesterday, subsequently arraigning his prisoner before the Court, when the Magistrate held him for trial at the General Sessions, in default of bail. MCNAMEE is 19 years of age, and resides next door to the complainant.

ROBBERY IN A POLICE CELL.

ADAM SEERS and WM. HAYNES were arrested on Monday night for disorderly conduct in the First Precinct, and locked up in the same cell in the New-York Police Station. During the night HAYNES discovered the nature of his offence by deliberately robbing his fellow prisoner of the miscellaneous sum of [illegible] which HAYNES had in his pantaloons pocket. Yesterday morning the thief was arraigned before the Magistrate and remanded for trial at the Sessions Sessions, the complainant being sent to the House of Detention as a witness.

JEFFERSON MARKET—DODGE, JUSTICE.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

ANNIE AUBANEL, No. 130 Prince-street, made a complaint, stating that three months since LUCIEN BRAGARD married her daughter, but being too poor to support her, he was permitted to live at the maternal residence. On the 19th inst. the alleged, while at the family were absent, BRAGARD, with the aid of two men, carried away furniture and clothing valued at $100, and she therefore caused him to be arrested on a charge of grand larceny. His counsel said that the articles he removed belonged to him, but he was committed in default of $1,500 bail for trial at the General Sessions.

BALL TICKET.

Yesterday two men called at the residence of LEWIS PERRIN, No. 231 West Thirty-eighth-street, and desired to see him. The servant left them alone in the hall while she went to call him, but when she returned they were gone, and two overcoats, valued at $80, had also disappeared. Subsequently the overcoats were found in an outhouse, and the two men were arrested by officers of the Twentieth Precinct. The prisoners gave the names of CHARLES BURNY and HENRY HERBERTON, and were committed for trial at the General Sessions.

ALLEN'S COAT.

An examination was had in the case of WESLEY ALLEN, who had been arrested while wearing a coat which EZRA R. SCOTTMAN, of No. 186 Elm-street, swore had been stolen from him. ALLEN produced five witnesses, who swore that he had bought the coat for $16. He was, however, committed in default of $1,500 bail for trial at the General Sessions. In his formal examination the prisoner said that he asked the man of whom he bought the coat if it was his own, and he answered in the affirmative.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Clerks, J. J. Sutherland and Bernard, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Non-Motion Calendar.

Nos.		Nos.	
56—	Brock vs. Smith et al.	97—	Belmont et al. vs. Erie Railway Co. et al.
85—	Belmont et al. vs. Erie Railway Co. et al.	98—	Belmont vs. Erie Railway Co. et al.
86—	Belmont vs. Erie Railway Co. et al.	99—	Belmont et al. vs. Erie Railway Co. et al.

Submitted Motion.

Nos.		Nos.	
2—	Bennett et al. vs. Hazelton, impl'd, &c.	96—	Collins, Jr., vs. Clark et al.
29—	Bartholomew vs. Terry.	98—	Lebens et al. vs. Dean.
60—	Bradley, Sarg. &c., vs. Central Benefit Life Ins. Co., impl'd, &c.	101—	Haviland vs. The Mayor, &c.
62—	Higgins vs. Burr et al.	102—	Naylor vs. Kelly.
77—	Ward et al. vs. Ward et al.	103—	Abby vs. Hendricks et al.
93—	Hutchinson vs. Allen et al.	104—	Douglass vs. Mayor.
94—	Wall, Rec'r, &c., vs. Sexton.	106—	Hartman vs. B. I. Gas. Light and Chem. Comp. Co.
95—	Cooke vs. Brigham et al.	108—	Hughes et al. vs. Ransdell.
97—	Weiss vs. Ulrichs.	110—	Wicks et al. vs. Frost.
		111—	Pepin vs. Lockentmyer.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Adjourned to Monday.

Short causes over to Friday, Jan. 22.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 11 A. M.

Motion Cases.

Nos.		Nos.	
25—	Osgood et al. vs. Hopkins et al.	30—	Hart et al. vs. Wolf et al.
28—	Meyer vs. N. Y. Oil Co. Call No. 110—Gerding vs. Kobbe.	31—	Parks et al. vs. Smith et al.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Hilton, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
357—	Reilly, Sr., Adm'r, vs. Banks.	377—	Jardine et al. vs. Shannon.
449—	Dayton vs. Stuyvesant.	383—	Sperry vs. Lambert.
297—	Hackett et al. vs. Kitching et al.	385—	Green vs. Webb et al.
98—	Jackson vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	386—	Same vs. Same.
238—	Otten, infant, &c., vs. Rommelt et al.	387—	Russell vs. Berrian.
285—	Sapphire vs. Bloodgood et al.	388—	Mooney et al. vs. O'Conor.
378—	Ranch vs. Lyons.	351—	Gutman vs. Rosenwall.
		352—	Fobbs, Jr., and Ker vs. Fobbs, Sr., vs. McAuliffe et al.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Calendar called by Gross, J., at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1184—	Lowe vs. Green.	1812—	Potter vs. Truant.
1294—	Lynch vs. Morris.	1515—	Gardner vs. Gray.
1418—	Case vs. Lent, Jr.	1514—	Killen vs. Desmond.
1424—	Schlaak vs. Kelly.	1516—	Carpenter vs. Oberlander.
1461—	Hoffman vs. Jones.		
1274—	Karst vs. Andessold.	1518—	Wesser vs. Katz.
976—	Hatch vs. Pierson.	1519—	Karrick vs. Riley.
217—	Campbell vs. Roppel.	1517—	Ferguson vs. Claflin.
1[illegible]—	Pavill vs. Bostwick.	1516—	Lachman vs. Fellman.
1269—	Barrett vs. Burt.	1518—	Bennett vs. Wilson.
1420—	Yeomans vs. Ward.	1519—	Yeomans vs. Ward.
1436—	Phillips vs. Jerome.	1517—	Lowe vs. Nash.
1447—	Stewart vs. Kitchen.	1520—	Oliver vs. Miller.
1352—	Schnepp vs. Buchan.	1521—	Graham vs. Bardell.
1511—	Rosenthal vs. Ballard.	1522—	Graham vs. Bardell.
		1523—	Young vs. Blake.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—BROOKLYN—JAN. 22.

Nos.		Nos.	
81—	Bartlett vs. Long Island Ins. Co.	130—	Dorsey vs. Strang.
19—	Korte vs. Thomas.	4—	Gill vs. McNamee.

[illegible] sentenced. The case was summed up for the Government by Mr. Ball. He said that the crime of perjury was a cowardly and unmanly offence, and one in which the difficulty of procuring evidence was very great. That in the present instance the false oath of the defendant was intended to be used in robbing the character of a respectable gentleman and officials of the Government. He then commented upon the testimony, stating that the only question for the jury was one of identity, and that the evidence fully established a conviction.

Judge BENEDICT charged the jury as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY: The crime charged against the prisoner at the bar is of an infamous character; it is a dangerous crime. In human affairs, dependent as they are on the actions of different men under varied circumstances, it is manifest that we must rely in many circumstances on facts derived from the statements of others, on facts as they are derived from the statements of others meets all the action of the judiciary and the judicial power; on facts as they are stated by men from the interests of a large class of persons holding the statements on the truth of these statements made often upon the reputation of men; and the law, in order to give certainty to those facts, requires them to be made under solemn oath of affirmation, being the best device we are able to conceive of to insure the truth and honesty of those statements, so that the rights of men in courts—their rights in criminal cases—their liberty in consequence of the truth of statements made upon the statements of others, made in the presence of their fellow men and under the eye of God, who rules over all men who declare that which they say is true. When men have done that, unbiased and unprejudiced, I may say that we have arrived as here at possible the human faculties of what is true. When, therefore, a man under this solemn obligation deliberately declares in a judicial proceeding, under oath, that certain facts are as which he knows to be otherwise, he commits one of the greatest crimes in the calendar—a dangerous crime as I have said—a crime not confined to the merchant, the writer, nor the man in public life, or ignorant, but one which whenever capable of being proved should be always punished. I make these remarks to call your attention to the importance of the case of this prosecution as enforcing a branch of the law, enforcing the purity of Courts of Justice, and in leading to true action, preventing this crime in this great. Government. It is therefore incumbent on you to consider your responsibility in this case. You should consider it carefully. You have also another responsibility thrown upon you; the liberty of the prisoner depends upon your verdict. It is a circumstance to be remembered, that he is found guilty. There is the presumption of law. You have two duties, one is to enforce the law, and the other is to give the prisoner the benefit of the law, the presumption which the law gives him until the contrary is satisfactorily proved. In view of this responsibility consider carefully the charge. In the opening of this case the man made an oath before United States Commissioner Osborn. The first question is, did he make such an oath? It is a question of identity. If you are not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that this is the man he is entitled to that doubt; and you will be dismissed from further consideration of the case. If you find the case against the prisoner to be satisfied that this was the man who did that act. If you are so satisfied, then you will find that he took an oath. 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Now in this class of cases, important as it is that the truth should be stated in every particular, yet mindful of infirmities, the law takes no notice of immaterial facts that may be stated, and of statements made often upon the reputation of men; and the law, in order to give certainty to those facts, requires them to be made under solemn oath of affirmation, being the best device we are able to conceive of to insure the truth and honesty of those statements, so that the rights of men in courts—their rights in criminal cases—their liberty in consequence of the truth of statements of others, made in the presence of their fellow men and under the eye of God, who rules over all men who declare that which they say is true. When men have done that, unbiased and unprejudiced. I may say that we have arrived as here at possible the human faculties of what is true. 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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

There is a report in Constantinople that a Greek war vessel had fired into a French sloop, killing several persons. The Peace Conference is now awaiting the answer of Greece to its resolutions before its final adjournment.

Mr. BURLINGAME and the chiefs of the Chinese Embassy were yesterday received by the French Minister of Foreign Affairs. They are to be presented to the Emperor on Sunday.

Advices received in London from New-Zealand, represent that a large number of whites were recently massacred by the natives, at Poverty Bay.

It was reported recently that thirty-nine of the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamship *Hibernia* had been picked up by a sailing vessel, and were to be landed at Madeira. A vessel just arrived in London from that port, brings the intelligence that nothing had been heard of them up to that date. There is now little doubt but they were lost.

CONGRESS.

Mr. MORTON called up his bill to punish the collection of illegal taxes from passengers. He moved its reference to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN said that as the bill was hostile to his State (New-Jersey) he desired to be heard in opposition to it before its reference to the Committee. The Air Line Railroad bill was then taken up, and Mr. VICKERS made a lengthy speech in opposition to it. A general debate on the subject followed, and several amendments were adopted, after which the Senate adjourned. During the session Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill to amend the National Currency act, which will be found in full in our regular Congressional report.

Mr. SHANKS introduced in the House a bill to distribute the number and rank of Government officers among the several districts and Territories. The bill provides that each chief of a department shall make and keep a correct list of all employes in their department, and that hereafter all appointments shall be made with a view to equalizing the number of employes between the several States and Territories. Mr. MOREHEAD, from the Committee on Reconstruction, reported a bill in reference to the appointment of midshipmen to the Naval Academy, which proposes to have all the Southern States represented in that institution. After some opposition, the bill was passed. Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Elections, called up the bill which declares that GEORGE W. ANDERSON is not entitled to represent, in the House, the Ninth District of Missouri, but that WILLIAM F. SWITZLER is. The Committee had previously made a similar report, but charges of disloyalty having been made against Mr. SWITZLER, a further investigation was ordered. The Committee now report that the charges of disloyalty are not sustained. After a lengthy debate a vote was taken on that part of the report which declares that Mr. ANDERSON was not entitled to his seat, and it was disagreed to, yeas 95, nays 89, so Mr. ANDERSON retains his seat. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL.

Among the bills introduced in the State Senate yesterday, was one empowering the East Side Railroad to lay rails from South Ferry to Grand-street, upon South, Broad, Pearl, Cherry, Market, Montgomery, Grand, Madison, New-Chambers, William, South William and Whitehall streets. In executive session a number of appointments of notaries public were confirmed. In the Assembly the Speaker announced the committees. A bill was introduced repealing the law exempting church property from taxation.

The worsted and braid manufactory of JAMES TOWNSEND, in Norwich, Conn., was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at $10,000, and is entirely covered by insurance. By the destruction of this factory, over a hundred girls and many men are temporarily thrown out of employment.

The City Marshal of Portsmouth, N. H., has arrested one JAMES HERROW for the murder of the farmer WOODIN, at Gatchstock, N. H., on Monday evening. The arrest was made at Andover, N. H. Herrow declares his innocence, and said, at the time of his arrest, that he was on the way to Portsmouth, where he intended to ship by sea. He is described as a respectable looking man. The blanket seen to correspond with the description given of the murderer. He has an ugly cut on the forehead, it is said, and there were spots of blood on his handkerchief.

The paper mill of HOSKINS, HALLOCK & Co., at Stillwater, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at $40,000. The property was insured for $7,000. This fire was the work of an incendiary.

It is reported that all the coal miners employed on the lines of the Pan Handle and Allegheny Valley Railroads are on a strike for higher wages. They demand five cents per bushel for digging, which is an advance of one cent. It is also stated that the miners on the Pennsylvania Railroad, though at present at work, are daily expected to strike.

It has been proved that JACOB BROKER, of Chicago, whose mysterious death was recently announced, was poisoned. The Coroner's Jury have caused the arrest of Mrs. BROKER and one Dr. HARRISON, who has been associated in business with BROKER, on the charge of the murder. It is said that there has been an improper intimacy between the two. BROKER was proprietor of the butter-shop under the Sherman House, and formerly resided in New-York.

Advices from the Western States of Mexico represent that the dissatisfaction with the Juarez Government is becoming more general, and that Gens. DIAZ, REGUEZ, ORTEGA, ALATORRE, and others, are at the head of a formidable movement having for its object the overthrow of JUAREZ.

The splendid annual French masquerade ball of the Cercle Français de l'Harmonie came off last night. It was very crowded, exceedingly brilliant, and a decided success.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday Dr. EZRA HARRIS was elected Sanitary Superintendent, in place of Dr. DALTON, resigned. Two Assistant Superintendents—Dr. MONRAN MORRIS for New-York, and Dr. CHARLES SPILKE for Brooklyn—were also elected. The typhus fever in East Thirteenth-street was reported as abating.

Rev. Dr. CHAPIN lectured at Steinway Hall last evening on "Social Forces."

About 2 o'clock on Thursday morning a frame building at the corner of North Third and Fourth streets, Williamsburg, took fire, and two small children of Mr. FREDERICK THOMS were burned to death.

The loss of the schooner *Wm. Severe* is reported. The captain and crew were saved and brought to this port.

The Alumni of Hamilton College held their first annual dinner last night at the Astor House. Hon. CHARLES P. KIRKLAND was in the chair.

The Chamber of Commerce met yesterday in special session, when Messrs. A. A. LOW, GEORGE OPDYKE, E. S. JAFFRAY, LEONARD BILL and S. B. CHITTENDEN spoke at length upon the currency question, and offered resolutions embodying their ideas. No action was taken upon them, and an adjournment took place till Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

WILLIAM M. MARSH, a Custom House appraiser, was held to bail in the sum of $20,000 yesterday, on a charge of being implicated in the Gottsberger smuggling case.

Cotton was fairly active and a fraction higher yesterday. Flour was in demand, but a little unsettled in price. Wheat was quoted stronger, and Corn steady, on a moderate trade. Oats were heavy and lower. Provisions were in fair request. Pork and Hogs firmer. Petroleum was more active and decided. Groceries quiet. Moderate freight engagements were reported at rather steadier rates.

The Virginia Constitution and the Reconstruction Acts.

We are not surprised to learn that "the party represented by Gov. WELLS are very hostile to the changes in the Virginia Constitution" proposed by the Compromise Committee from that State. Nothing less could be expected. In fighting for the Constitution with all its defects, the hostile party are simply upholding their own handiwork, which was designed to exclude the majority of white Virginians from the conduct of the local Government.

Only let not this hostile party try to accomplish their purpose by false pretences. If they are favorable to proscription, as the instrument prepared by themselves shows them to be, let the fact and the reasons for it be frankly stated. They must not hope to escape the real point of controversy by insisting that "Virginia should be reconstructed on the same basis as has prevailed in the other reconstructed States;" for with this basis the Committee do not propose to meddle. They do not seek a change of the Reconstruction acts for the accommodation of Virginia. They are quite willing to concede "the same degree of compliance with the terms" of those acts "that has been exacted from South Carolina." Their letter to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate is proof of this. All that Congress requires they are willing to perform—all it enjoins they are ready to obey. What they ask is, that a Convention representing a minority of the people of Virginia shall not be allowed to fasten upon it a Constitution which goes far beyond the measures of Congress, and embraces provisions that have no precedent in the action of the reconstructed States.

This latter consideration, it is, which at once explains and justifies the presence of the Virginia Committee in Washington. They affirm, and the body that appointed them affirmed, an unconditional acceptance of the conditions imposed by Congress; but they protest against odious local features because they are foreign to the principles and aims involved in its policy. In no other case has intervention been necessary. The Louisiana Constitution is, perhaps the most objectionable of those which have gone into operation, but in not a single matter does it approach in harshness and iniquity, the Constitution proposed for Virginia. The other new Constitutions are, in comparison, models of moderation and liberality. Those of the Carolinas and Georgia, for example, are totally free from everything like proscription. Under them, there is neither disfranchisement nor exclusion from State offices because of participation in rebellion. Every resident citizen may vote, and, under the Constitutions, may hold office. Indeed, with a couple of exceptions, the new Constitutions are in the main fair and wise enough to command the approval of the country. That of South Carolina, especially, is honorable to the good sense and good feeling of its colored people, whose power in the premises was almost absolute.

It is not so with the Virginia Constitution. It disfranchises not less than fifteen thousand persons—according to some estimates, many more. It excludes from office even the humblest, nine-tenths of the eligible whites, and actually denies them participation in the privileges of jurors. It creates a homestead exemption valid against all debt, "heretofore or hereafter contracted." It imposes upon the disfranchised and proscribed classes the chief burden of local taxation, and so regulates the representation of the State and the control of educational and other important affairs, that the real taxpayers will have no effective check upon either. Finally, it makes disfranchisement and proscription perpetual by engrafting both upon the Constitution; in these respects exceeding the powers and penalties contemplated by the Reconstruction acts.

Provisions of this nature cannot be consorted with the essentials of reconstruction, nor can opposition to them be set aside by reference to the course adopted by Congress in other cases. Not one of the Constitutions which have received its sanction presented the objectionable features which are apparent in the Virginia Constitution. With very limited exceptions, they harmonized with the spirit of reconstruction. Their ratification, therefore, followed as a thing of course. But the Virginia instrument not only challenges attention, but invites interference. Its exactions are so merciless and impolitic—so calculated to frustrate reconstruction, and keep alive strife and ill-feeling—so obviously at variance with the proclaimed desire of the Republican Party, and with the wishes and interests of the country—that Congress cannot, without neglecting its duty, withhold the remedies that are at its command. It is not asked to abate one jot of its demands. It is not called upon to jeopardise the freedom or welfare of colored citizens, or to recede from the principles on which its policy rests. The most that can be said of the propositions submitted by the Committee is, that they tend to secure an equality of rights, to invest the intelligence and property of the State with a share in its government, and to hasten its restoration by removing obstacles which render impossible the ratification of the Constitution in its present shape.

Apart from the reasonableness of the proceeding suggested by the Committee, the spirit by which they are animated should commend their efforts to Congressional favor. In every other State, reconstruction has been effected in spite of the indifference or opposition of the class akin to that which these gentlemen represent. For the first time, we have those who have hitherto resisted reconstruction, throwing down their arms, and respectfully and in good faith coming forward to assist in its completion. There is no hypocrisy in their manner or their acts. They say frankly that they accept reconstruction because it is inevitable, and with a sincere desire to make it permanent and successful. In this attitude, and with this profession, they are entitled to respect and encouragement.

The Alabama Claims.

The text of the Clarendon-Johnson Convention for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims corresponds for the most part with the digest which we gave last Tuesday. The important provision regarding the arbiter or umpire is, however, somewhat different in form, though really not in substance, from that which the telegraphic summary led us to expect. As this is the point on which the whole matter hinges, the exact words of the treaty are worth looking at.

The umpire, it appears, is to be chosen at the very outset, and, if convenient, by the Commissioners themselves:

"The Commissioners shall then, and before proceeding to any other business, name some third person to act as an arbitrator or umpire in any case or cases on which they may themselves differ in opinion. If they should not be able to agree upon the name or name third person they shall each name a person, and in each and every case in which the Commissioners may differ in opinion as to the decision which they ought to give it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the arbitrator or umpire in that particular case."

The second article of the treaty provides that if the Commissioners should fail to agree in opinion upon any claim, this arbiter or umpire shall decide finally and without appeal. But the article adds:

"Nevertheless, if the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall think it desirable that a Sovereign, or head of a friendly State, should be an arbitrator or umpire in the case of any claim, the Commissioners shall report to that effect to their respective Governments, who shall thereupon, within six months, agree upon some Sovereign, or head of a friendly State, who shall be invited to decide the claim."

On other points, the text of the protocol bears out the general tenor of the comments we have already made. It is worth while, however, perhaps, to note that each Government is to be represented before the Commissioners by a single agent or advocate, who will act as its attorney to present and enforce its claims. The Commission must decide every claim within two years from its first meeting, and payment is to be made within eighteen months from the date of the decision.

Botching the Indian Bureau.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs proposes, it seems, to "effect a compromise" between the two theories of Indian management, by recommending the appointment of a "Civil Commissioner," with sole power over the Indian tribes, until "the occurrence of hostilities," in which event, should the President declare that a state of war exists, the control of the Indians is to be passed over to the War Department.

In other words, this Committee proposes to give us the old Bureau under a new name—the old foe with a new face. It proposes to give a fresh lease to the inefficiency and corruption already connected with the civil administration of Indian affairs, and to make the present confusion worse confounded. For, under the proposed system, we shall have a greater division of responsibility than ever. As it is, there is never anybody to blame—the Army officers declaring that Indian troubles are not their fault, because they have no absolute control, and the Bureau officers always as stoutly protesting that *they* are not responsible, because the Army has come in and made war where war there *was* none. What the Senate Committee now contemplates apparently, is to make this bad matter worse. We shall get just enough War Department to block the Interior Department, and just enough of the Interior to disgust the War. It will be a complete slipping between two stools.

But, we shall be told, the civilians will control Indian affairs in peace and the army officers in war—according to the natural division of authority. Exactly. The Indian rings will do all the damage they can in peace, with their rascally agents and traders, and when the general ruin and demoralization and ill-feeling against the troops have got to such a point that the Indians begin hostilities, *then* the army may step in, as of old, to restore peace. This being done, back goes control to the Interior Department or to the "Commissioner," and, with control, the old round of trick and dicker, fraud and folly.

Now, what we say of this is that it is no "compromise" at all—it is the old thing in a new shape. It is the treadmill of trouble and relief which we have had ever since Indian Affairs were taken from their original place in the War Department and given to the newly-created Department of the Interior. Our army officers, an upright and incorruptible class, have proved that they understand the Indian bother, and know better how to treat him, than do the civil appointees of any political party. The Senate Committee claims that its report "embodies the views of the Indian Peace Commission last Winter." That is true. But *since* then, namely, last Fall, this *same* Commission, raising its former plan on which the Senate bases its action, recommended, with a solitary negative vote, (and that Commissioner TAYLOR's,) the absolute transfer of the control of Indian Affairs, in peace as well as in war, to the War Department, as the only way out of our difficulties. On this revised judgment the House based its action, and we cannot but hope that the House bill will yet pass the Senate.

We predicate these observations on the published summary of the Senate Committee's plan. We should only be too glad to be compelled to modify them by finding that this summary unfavorably misrepresented the bill. We admit, too, that it is a great point that Gen. GRANT will be the "President," for four years at least, who will judge of "the state of war" authorizing a transfer of Indian control to the army. Nevertheless, it is the civilian Commissioner who is first to "report that hostilities exist." And, on the whole, the House bill seems to us the least cumbrous, safest, directest, and every way the best plan for restoring something like order and system to our Indian policy.

The Judgment on Ritualism in England.

It would not be easy to overestimate the importance of the recent decision of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council with regard to Ritualism. The case in which it was delivered was, it will be remembered, that of MARTIN *vs.* MACMOCHONIE, the defendant being the incumbent of the celebrated Church of St. Albans, in London, the prototype of the church in New-York which is dedicated to the same saint. It had previously been the subject of a decision by the Court of Arches, the highest purely ecclesiastical tribunal in the realm, the decisions of which are, however, subject to appeal to the body of eminent lawyers who form the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The Arches Court judgment was against the Ritualists on all points but two—the kneeling of the priests in the middle of the prayer at the consecration of the elements, and the use of lighted candles on the altar. On appeal, however, the majority of the Judicial Committee, headed by Lord CAIRNS, pronounced against Mr. MACMOCHONIE on every point involved in the original charges of the prosecutor. The minority, it is true, contained two of the greatest jurists in the Kingdom—Lord WESTBURY and Sir WILLIAM ERLE—but for all that the fiat has gone forth, and the Ritualists have suffered a total defeat on the ground deliberately chosen by their most determined opponents. The priest is forbidden to signify his belief in the real presence by assuming an attitude of adoration at a particular part of the communion service, and from implying his sacrificial capacity by standing in front of the altar at another period. Lighted candles on the altar are forbidden, and *prima facie*, it might be supposed that Ritualism in the Anglican Church was now a thing of the past, and that the feud which has so long threatened its peace, was summarily put an end to.

But, singularly enough, the very reverse seems likely to be the case. Instead of making matters more tranquil, the decision, as far as we can see, bids fair to intensify the rancor with which the hostile parties already regard each other, and to remove still further all prospect of peace. It is not merely that a certain section of the Ritualists are talking loudly of refusing compliance with the terms of the judgment, and urging their more faint-hearted brethren to join them in risking the consequences. In consequence of certain technical formalities to be complied with, and also through the vacancy in the See of London, which occurred at the time, no formal notification of the judgment has yet been made to the parties concerned. Consequently the denunciations of the Privy Council and all its works which issued from many Ritualistic pulpits as soon as it had non-officially reached their ears, must be taken *cum grano salis*. The times are not yet ripe for a secession, or the establishment of a voluntary Ritualist Church, however fervently the more ardent of the leaders of the party may urge such a course. At the present moment the only result of such a movement would be that some twenty or thirty wealthy and fashionable congregations would follow their clergy to privately-built places of worship, and the whole movement would begin *de novo* inside the Church, the new leaders and the more moderate of the old leaders taking care to keep within the letter of the law.

The real danger to the Church of England lies in the incidental operation of the judgment, arising from the nature of the grounds upon which it is founded. Lord CAIRNS and the majority of his colleagues lay it down, as the very basis of their decision, that in all matters of ritual and ceremonial, vestments and gestures during the service, the Rubric is the supreme authority, all other ecclesiastical bylaws notwithstanding. It is binding, too, affirmatively as well as negatively. That is to say, not only is everything of the kind illegal that is not distinctly enjoined by the Rubric, but, on the other hand, everything that is enjoined by the Rubric is not only legal but obligatory. This, there seems to be no doubt, is the real purport of the decision. Now, while it has been notorious, even long before this judgment was pronounced, that the High Church Party had far exceeded the limits authorized by the Rubric in matters of ritual, it has been equally a recognized fact that the Low Church Party, and indeed the great mass of moderate clergy throughout the Church, had systematically failed to comply with its requirements. Nay, it even appears that many practices which the Low Church Party looked upon with almost as much abhorrence as they did upon those selected by them on the grounds of complaint against Mr. MACMOCHONIE are essentially both legal and obligatory, and that any High Church parishioner who chooses to set the law in motion may vex and harass any Low Church incumbent who fails to array himself in all the vestments "in use in the reign of King EDWARD VI., just as, *vice versa*, a Low Church parishioner can bring his incumbent to trial for mixing the wine at the communion, or for elevating the consecrated elements. Even a Bishop who does not appear at a certain stage of the service with mitre in hand, is, it seems, violating the Rubric, and owners are of all things most abhorrent to the Low Church Episcopal mind.

It will be seen, therefore, into what a beaguiled this judgment is likely to convert the Anglican Church. On the whole we are inclined to think it bears more hardly on the majority—the Low Church Party, and the "moderates"—than on the minority, whom those in whose instance it was obtained hoped to crush. There are still many ways left in which the Ritualists can render their services not only gorgeous and attractive, and embody ceremonies symbolical of the peculiar doctrines upon which they base their creed. But, on the other hand, there are thousands of Low Churchmen who would leave the Church to-morrow rather than wear the many-colored vestments the use of which under this interpretation of the authority of the Rubric is not only lawful but compulsory. Nothing can now, it seems to us, prevent the constant occurrence of a series of isolated parochial conflicts depending on disputed interpretations of the Rubric, in many of which a decision will be followed by the resignation or even the secession from the Church of the incumbent. Parliament may, it is true, take the matter into its own hands some day, but when that day comes the deluge will be pretty near at hand. In any case, further developments in the matter may be awaited with interest. Not only does it intimately concern those of our Episcopal countrymen who have adopted the views and practices of the Ritualist party in the Anglican Church, and who base their forms of worship on Anglican precedents, but it bids fair to ripen in the State Church of England into a religious discussion that may some day—perhaps before long—far exceed in scope and importance all the so-called great political questions of the day in that country.

Garibaldi's Address to his Constituents.

In the form of an address to the electors of the Province of Gallura, by whom he has just been reelected to the Italian Parliament, GARIBALDI has put forth a kind of explanatory justification of the part taken by him in the last attempt on Rome. The document, though nominally addressed to his constituents only, is, to judge from its length and the unwonted prolixity of its style, intended as a manifesto to the world in general. We regret, however, to say that, more than any previous public utterance of GARIBALDI, it exhibits in a glaring light all the errors and weaknesses of judgment which go so far to counterbalance his splendid courage and unquestioned patriotism.

He commences with a protestation of the embarrassment which he feels on being reelected, but finally, in consideration of his love for the people, "whom I would serve at the cost of my life," he sets aside his "repugnance to approach a Government which might be called the 'negation of God,' as an eminent Englishman once called the Government of Naples in 1860," and consents to accept the seat in Parliament tendered him. Now in the one sentence from which we have extracted these two phrases, we have a striking instance of the folly, and almost worse than folly, which marks all GARIBALDI's recent appearances before the public. If there be one man in the world whose patriotism and courage—and that physical courage of the highest kind, based upon the purest devotion to a great moral cause—cannot be questioned, it is GARIBALDI. And yet why should he, of all men, utter commonplace protestations of readiness to lay down his life, and so on? And again, while no man in Italy has, or professes to have, greater reverence for the popular will, it is certainly not only bad taste and bad judgment, but an inexcusable outrage on his country in him to denounce the Government which Italians, as a nation, recognize, as "a negation of God," and even to compare it to the odious despotism of FERDINAND of Naples. Language like this, one would think must carry its own condemnation even with the most ardent of the Party of Action. As long as GARIBALDI is still an avowed subject of VICTOR EMMANUEL, he might at least abstain from hurling denunciations at him which savor more of the hysterical violence of a Papal encyclical, than of the language of a constitutional Deputy speaking of the head of his Government.

The remainder of the address is much in the same strain. With regard to the Mentana affair, GARIBALDI shows the same needless desire to assure the world of his own courage and devotedness, at the expense of what little reputation for statesmanship and discretion he yet retains. Neither can he refrain from further assaults on the Government at Florence, couched in the same style as that we have instanced. It is deeply to be regretted that GARIBALDI, who might at this period of his career have been expected to have acquired at least ordinary discretion and self-control, should still act the part of a reckless incendiary. Nothing but unmixed evil and unnecessary humiliation resulted to Italy from the hopeless attempt on Rome in which GARIBALDI was concerned. And yet it is clear that he is bent as strongly as ever, if he ever gets the chance, upon risking the present prosperity, and even the future position of Italy, in a repetition of that wild and reckless enterprise. He accuses VICTOR EMMANUEL of subservience to France, and yet he would rush on a course that would infallibly bring Italy and France into a collision that could only end in humiliation to his country. He assails VICTOR EMMANUEL for keeping faith with an ally to whom, after all, Italy owes her present position, and would apparently, were it within his power, eagerly overthrow the Government, precipitate a collision with France, and expose the yet struggling Kingdom to all the dangers of domestic anarchy and foreign intervention. Fortunately for Italy, whatever the shortcomings of VICTOR EMMANUEL as a ruler, and the blunders or weaknesses of his Government, the destinies of Italy are in the hands of wiser men. Italy waited long and patiently for unity, and has all but obtained it. That her ultimate destiny is to place once more her seat of Government on the banks of the Tiber, no one can for a moment doubt. It is the very certainty of the peaceful attainment, in the process of time, of her legitimate desires, that would render any ill-considered recourse to arms on the part of Italy a blunder and almost a crime. It is not a grateful task, within ten years of the liberation of Naples, to speak thus of its hero. But no true friend of Italy as she is—nor even those, who join with GARIBALDI in looking to an Italian Republic, with Rome as its capital—can do anything but regret that one to whom Italy owes so much should now manifest so painfully his utter lack of statesmanship, or even of common discretion.

The Health of Public School Children.

The President of the Board of Education has favored the public recently with a careful defence of the Board against charges of extravagance, and has attempted to explain certain features of our system of popular education which were doubtful. But there is one topic—more important to the public even than the amount of taxation or the grade of the schools—on which neither the President of the Board nor its members have attempted any explanation. It is notorious that *the arrangements for the health* of our children in the public schools are singularly deficient.

Great sums have been laid out by the Board on handsome buildings and furniture, marble washstands and expensive chairs and the like objects, but there is not a single school with properly ventilated class-rooms, or a sufficient play-yard, or (so far as we are informed) with a gymnasium. The large centre room in which all departments, or the main body of scholars, meet, is, indeed, usually spacious and airy enough; but the smaller class-rooms, where many of the pupils must spend six weary hours, are nearly always close, hot and badly ventilated. In those rooms, sometimes not 20 by 25 feet in size, fifty little boys or girls will be crowded, breathing all day a poisoned atmosphere. In badly-aired rooms, neither teachers nor scholars can be depended upon to open windows. Ventilation, to be of any use, must always be self-acting, and temperature must be regulated by the thermometer alone.

The arrangements, too, for studies in our schools, are most injudicious in a physical point of view. The fresh hours for brain work with children are always in the morning. Then their studying ought to be done. Moreover, the opinions of the best physicians and most advanced instructors in Europe are now decidedly in favor of a shorter period each day for school labor with children. The eminent English sanitarian, Mr. CHADWICK, advocates half-day sessions for all primary schools.

Our schools in New-York absolutely reverse all these rules. The poor girls are not permitted to study at all in most of the schools in school hours. They are kept six hours within the close rooms, reciting, or listening, or writing, and then are compelled to do their brain work—their hard study—in the evenings. With children even more than with older persons, the hours just before sleep ought to be spent lightly and cheerfully in games, reading, or pleasant talk. The night is not the proper time for a child's study. Some of the first high schools in New-England put all their studies in the school hours.

Then, when we remember that the majority of New-York children have no opportunity at all for a free use of their muscles, that they cannot "slide down hill," or skate, (except after a long journey,) or play ball, (without much trouble,) or climb trees, or do any of the thousand things which develop the bodies of country children, and that there is not, so far as we are informed, a single gymnastic-room connected with any one of our public schools—we can appreciate how far behind a truly scientific and healthful system is our whole plan of public education.

Why should not the boys be allowed a hall with "flying cords," and ladders, and weights and pulleys, and other gymnastic arrangements, as much as marble washstands and walnut chairs?

The result of our present system is painful. Many a parent sees with sorrow his son's cheek growing paler, his eyes more sunken and his bearing feebler, day by day, under this poisonous air and injudicious brain work. Many a beautiful little girl loses her rich complexion and round cheeks long before maturity in these hot-houses of carbonic acid gas and furnace heat. We believe that *the general health of our children is degenerating* in the public schools under these wretched arrangements.

Why will not some man of true intelligence and science, engaged in education, such as Mr. CAULKINS or Mr. RANDALL, take up this matter, earnestly, even if the Board of Education are slow to perceive the importance of it?

MINOR TOPICS.

The Board of Health yesterday made provision for testing, by means of a scientific apparatus, the quality and healthfulness of the air furnished to the public in the theatres, halls, and other places where there are crowded assemblies. If the public had any means of discovering the vileness and harmfulness of the atmosphere which they breathe in most of these places, we should quickly find the benches deserted and the air purified.

It does not look as though Secretary SEWARD were giving himself as much concern about the composition of the next Cabinet as he is accused of,—since he has lately been arranging an extended tour of travel which he purposes beginning on the expiration of his term of office. The tour will be across the continent to California, and from thence through the Republics of South America.

An absurd and preposterous bill was introduced to the House, yesterday, by Mr. SHANKS, of Indiana, providing that the several Congressional Districts and organized Territories throughout the country shall be entitled to equal numbers and ranks of employes in the several departments of the Government, and no district or Territory shall have more than one employe of any rank until every district and Territory shall have at least one of the same rank. A better plan to secure imbecility and confusion in all branches of the public service could not be easily invented.

We are pleased at the announcement that Mr. MAPLESON is to give a short season of opera at the Academy. It is certain that the public demand for opera bouffe must be pretty well sated by this time, and the *repertoire* of opera bouffe proper may now be said to be exhausted. If Mr. MAPLESON's representations of the operatic masterpieces are equal, in respect of interpretation and stage setting to what we have seen in OFFENBACH's works, during the past two seasons, he cannot fail to achieve success.

It will be noticed by our Albany news, that the Assembly Committees, about which there have been so many expectations and such long delay, were yesterday announced by Speaker TOWNSHEND.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN is making a sorry failure of his harangues. He has had a mere handful of hearers, who have hardly furnished money enough to make it worth his while to get upstream. The Fenians refuse to give their fifty-cent "stamps" to the roaring martyr of the English Bastile. Consequently, his prospects of leading a Fenian army across the ocean are at present rather poor. TRAIN has cheered himself out in London, Dublin and New-York;—he had better go to Omaha and establish horse railroads of invisible iron, with phantom cars drawn by nightmares.

No one can complain that a sufficient supply of financial bills is not furnished to Congress. Several new ones were introduced yesterday, and several more are promised. Senator SUMNER, as will be seen, reported from the Finance Committee an important bill to amend the National Currency act.

Resolved, That we demand of *the Government*, and public men, that we as and colored people shall choose their own occupations, and be paid always equally with men for equal work.

This is one of the resolutions passed by the National Woman's Rights Convention, which yesterday adjourned its sessions in Washington. Would it not be better to demand that *Government shall choose occupations for* the women and colored people who can pass such foolish resolutions?

Dr. EZRA HARRIS, who is well known to the public in connection with the organization and carrying on of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Board of Health, was yesterday chosen Sanitary Superintendent, in place of Dr. DALTON, who lately resigned. We presume that after Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors have been appointed to fill the places of those who lately resigned, the exactions which caused their resignation will be repealed.

FOREMAN's *Democrat*, the Cincinnati *Chronicle*, and other journals, are engaged in a lively discussion of the question of "filing the hair,"—apropos of a discovery that two New-York editors have lately had their hair cropped in the style known as *flat*. The "red-hot" *Democrat* evidently finds some difficulty in coming to a conclusion on a subject so cool and refreshing, and treats it less seriously than we should have expected. We ourselves hesitate to give any authoritative opinion in regard to it, though we are inclined to think the red-hot editor would find his condition greatly improved by having his hair filed very close. The Cincinnati *Chronicle*, however, treats the question, historically, philosophically and exhaustively,—showing how it affects the legal, clerical and editorial professions, and how it is related to the intellect and to success in life. We hope the editor will pursue his investigations still further, for it is evident that the Western people are far behind the times on the hair question, and especially in regard to *filing*. We are told that the fashion of wearing long locks is not prevalent in the West, but "we (the West) have wiry, briery, limber locks among us in plenty," and yet the "habit of wearing such is not generally recognized as a distinctive manifestation of any particular habit of brains." It is evident that the ignorance of hirsute philosophy in the West is appalling; but now that the *Democrat* and the *Chronicle* have taken it up, we may hope for the growth of larger wisdom and grander hair. We certainly feel a more lively interest in the question than we have been able to feel on that upon which the *Sun* has been exercising its wits, "Do men wear corsets?"

The drives in the Central Park are too narrow, it seems. If so, it is very likely they will go on growing narrower and narrower every day, till they become hippodromes and hurricanes of equestrian amusement. It was probably a mistake that the makers of the Park did not carry that inevitable hippodrome round the edge of it on a broad and elevated course from which the entire pleasure-ground could be visible, and where the charioteers could have the admiration of the avenues, and be as pleasant to see as the horse-ring in Hyde Park, London. Such a course would keep out of the centre of the Park those "horse-tempests" which our people are so fond of, and which will become ten times more vehement than they are now. It is not at all unlikely that people in a few years will be thinking of that external hippodrome where they may "run the great circle and be still at home," leaving the interior of the Park for the more easy-going classes of the community.

The London journals approve of NAPOLEON's address to the Legislative Body, and recognize the satisfactory condition of things in France. The *Times*, however, qualifies its approval by the reflection that all this may be changed on the death of the Emperor. This is to assume that the Emperor's work is a failure—and it is too much of an assumption. Of course, nothing can be guaranteed against chance; but nothing that acts widely on the age in motion can be said to fail. The great French revolution was pronounced a failure; also the career of the first NAPOLEON. No need now to show the fallacy of such historic philosophy. NAPOLEON III. in turn will do his abiding work, and the consequences of it will come to France, one way or the other—in his son, probably, and his posterity, as well as in other results. Those BONAPARTES may be found to answer the average purposes of progress, French and general, as well as the Lamartines, Brights and Garibaldis can or could; and it is going too far, probably, to say the Emperor's work has such brittle ground to stand on that it must tumble along with his own sleepy look and long moustaches into the coffin.

Mr. RANDALL, Superintendent of Public Schools, in a recent letter, explains that, while poor children are put into school classes along with those of a better order, cleanliness and neatness must be looked to. This must be admitted; for these virtues are in themselves important parts of education. At the same time, it must be admitted also that this ordeal may be unfavorable to the poorer children. But how is the difficulty to be got over? for, in spite of all democratic logic, the custom of bringing dirty and ragged children into contact with others of a different kind *will not work*. Even if the parents liked it—which they do not—the boys, those unanswerable young rebels, or tyrants, won't have it

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

MR. BOOTH'S OFFICE.

Invitations are out for a house-warming to be given by Mr. BOOTHMAN at his new theatre to-morrow evening. The occasion will doubtless be a social event to be remembered. The auction of the choice of seats for the public opening on Monday next has taken place, and the result has given much less satisfaction than was generally anticipated. The leading object of the auction mode of selling the places was to give the seats directly into the hands of the playgoers, and reserve them, if possible, from the speculator entirely. How far this end was accomplished may be guessed from the report which is given that Mr. BOOTHMAN himself, thronging the auctioneer's rostrum, sold all the seats in one gallery to a single buyer. Other gallery-lished incidents of the sale exhibit quite as plainly as the above that the speculators were largely represented there; and the probability is, that on Monday evening, while there will not be a single ticket left to be bought in the box-office, there will be hundreds to sell on the sidewalks. This experience of Mr. BOOTHMAN'S sale proves very conclusively that the festive speculator is not to be frightened from the pursuit of his profitable trade by any such child's feeling as an auction. Mr. BOOTH, we believe, intends to repeat the farce on Monday next, and sell the choice of seats for his opening night after the same pretentious manner. Perhaps he will find time before then to modify some of the objectionable points. To begin, let it be understood that when "a excise" is sold, no more than silence or dire vents are to be enjoyed by such purchasers. It would pay a speculator richly to buy up an entire circle of seats, if he had to pay but a single premium on the whole purchase; but if the premium was to run upon each seat selected, the speculation would be more risky. However, it would be impertinent, perhaps, to suggest anything to Mr. BOOTH. His busy intellect is doubtless at work even now, and the problem will be solved for us by Monday next—how not to sell a theatre to the sidewalk speculators!

BROADWAY THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS are to have their farewell benefit at this house to-night. The "Emerald Ring" will be played for the last time but one—as on Monday next Mr. OWENS returns to New-York and reopens at the Broadway in "Solon Shingle." This engagement of the WILLIAMS, which is now drawing to an end, has been a pleasant one for their admirers and a successful one for them. Next week they go to Philadelphia, and produce the "Emerald Ring" at the Walnut-street Theatre.

FINE ARTS.

The Water-Color Exhibition.

The second annual exhibition of the American Society of Painters in Water Colors was opened to private view last evening, and to-day will be open to the public. A large number of water-colors adorn the walls of the Corridor and the East room, which have been given up to the Society, and the general aspect of the exhibition is both attractive and encouraging. There are not, it is true, as many works of first-rate excellence as there were in the exhibition of last year, but the general quality is better, and shows that those of our artists who have devoted their talents to this department of art have gained in facility of handling and in power over their material.

The most striking and the best picture in the collection is "Corpus Christi Day in Seville," by SAMUEL COLMAN, a rather large work, painted almost entirely in pure water color, and with the freedom and force of the accomplished master. WM. HAGE contributes several highly-finished pictures, the largest and most striking of which is a reminiscence of his studies among the mountains of Italia. Hage's water-colors have almost the substantiality and force of oil-paintings, combined with a purity and transparency unattainable in the latter. MRS. MURRAY is represented by several large works, of which the most striking is a scene in a gulley, with a group of gypsies. The composition is interesting, and the whole picture is finished with more care than is usually observable in her works. Mr. A. F. BELLOWS has a sunny picture, called "An Afternoon in Surry, England." Mr. J. D. BELLE'S "Track of the Mountain Torrent" is monotonous in tone, but very faithful in drawing. The character of the rocks in the foreground is admirably rendered. "The Gardener's Daughter," by Mr. WM. MIGNERT, is rather thin in color, but the composition is agreeable, and the drawing accurate.

Among the attractions in the exhibition are a number of water-colors by foreign artists of distinction. JOHN GILBERT, whose name is familiar to most of our readers as that of an admirable illustrator of books, is represented by a charming picture, and HUNTS's admirers will be pleased to see a beautiful little sketch of the Mer de Glace from his natural and fastidious pencil. It is a trifle only, but interesting not only in itself but as an illustration of his method of drawing. "Cavaliers Drinking," by G. CATTERMOLE, "An Architectural Piece," by E. PRIOTT, and "A French Town," by PAUL MEURET, among others, will attract general attention. Of other pictures, and of these, we shall speak at greater length at some other time.

The Wages of Women—Action of Gen. Spinner.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me, as one of many, to express through your columns the keen sense and appreciation which the women of the country entertain toward Gen. SPINNER for his eminently just and timely recommendation to Congress, that the pay of women employed in the Treasury Department be raised to the same standard as that of the men, and also for his noble vindication in his report of their efficiency and thoroughness.

The eyes of hundreds of capable, intelligent, undeserved employes in various departments of service are turned anxiously upon the Senate, hoping the bill may find as ready approval with them as it has with the House.

Gen. SPINNER'S firmness of principle, equity of dealing with the persons and affairs under his direction, and his intense scorn and hatred of tyranny and injustice in any shape, have won him the respect of all those connected with his bureau and so conversant with its business; while his well-known position in regard to finances should insure him the support of the party now in power as well as of all persons who wish to see the monetary affairs of our country prosperous and improved.

Hd. Gen. GRANT, whose fame during the war was so great for putting the right men in the right place, continues to exercise the same faculty in his position as President, we think he cannot prove to better advantage than in retaining Gen. SPINNER at the head of the Treasury, not only as a reward for honorable and efficient service, but because he is the right man for the post. E. J. C.

Letter from Speaker Colfax.

The Typographical Union of Milwaukee, Wis., commemorated Franklin's birthday by a banquet, at which the following letter from Speaker COLFAX was read:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Your complimentary invitation is just received, but my public duties are very engrossing. Were it otherwise, I should be delighted to celebrate FRANKLIN'S birthday with you. Nearly twenty years' experience in a printing office made me feel almost as much a brother of the craft as a newspaper editor. Hoping that the occasion may be one of social reunions of the craft which I have attended more than ordinarily enjoyable, while the generous courtesy of my brethren of the Press, with but rare exceptions, has always made me confident that in my darkest manhood I enjoyed it as the protection of my life.

With the attractive programme that you send me, I know that you cannot fail to have a jolly time. And confident that those who feel at the end will look upon the hard-fisted, that those who ply the *Ticket* will not become *frisky*, and that those who work at the press will guard against getting the *far* too much *stuck*, I wish you, one and all, a gay and festive evening, and to be up on the morrow as fresh as a new font of type, refreshed and strengthened for the duties before you by the enjoyment of this fraternal commingling. Yours truly,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

A Large and Brilliant Meteor.

From the Rochester Democrat, Jan. 21.

People who were fortunate enough to be in the open air last night between 11 and 12 o'clock were electrified by a vision of magnificence, such as may never again be paralleled in a life time. At 10:50 o'clock the whole heavens burst into an instantaneous glare of INEFFABLE light, simultaneously there shot from the mid-heaven a clear, luminous ball of liquid fire, moving with swift and dashing rapidity obliquely across the vault. This phenomenon in appearance is not a single globe of light, presenting in its train two long, brilliant streamers, the brilliancies caused by the rapid movement. For nearly a minute the earthlest body there clearly, then, as about five degrees from the zenith, burst into two fragments, and swiftly passed toward the horizon beyond the lake.

The whole phenomenon, from the moment the whole firmament shone with an intensified yet mellow glare, clear and brilliant. The time occupied in its succession was little over a minute, and all who were so fortunate as to see it had ample opportunity to form a moderately accurate idea of its shape and direction. After bursting the light in no way diminished, and, until its absolute disappearance, or destruction, to another sphere, the light was clear and sustained.

ALBANY.

Announcement of the Assembly Committees—General Dissatisfaction—Complimentaries by the Democratic Legislature to the Lecturer on Political Morality.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1869.

After sixteen days' incubation, the Speaker has at last announced the Assembly Committees. It was done immediately after the reading of the journal this morning, and amid the breathless silence of the House. As was to be expected, there is a good deal of disappointment and not a little bad feeling manifested, but it is generally conceded that the Speaker has taken care of his friends, both personal and political, so far as the circumstances would permit. Out of the thirty-three Committees, the Democrats get the Chairmanship of all but six or seven—so far as the vote in the Democratic caucus has yet been ascertained. The Speaker was up nearly all last night and the night before trying to fix things satisfactorily to all parties, and one or two important changes are said to have been made after 9 o'clock this morning. Among them is Mr. JACOBS, Democrat, of Kings County, who was last evening supposed to be a fixture on the Committee on Cities, but was, this morning, transferred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation. Neither he nor the Democratic members as a body, are satisfied with the number or the distribution of Democrats on the committees. They complain that they have not as many men as they are entitled to, and have not got the right men in the right places. THEODORE CANNEDY, of New-York, in their sole representative on the affairs of Cities, and BRUNS, of New-York, retains the place he filled last year on Railroads, and is the only Democrat on that Committee. The Democracy are allowed two members (HEISCHMAN and LYONS) on the Committee of Ways and Means; two (JACOBS and FRAZE) on Commerce and Navigation, and two (BRADBURNEY and WALSMAN) on Canals. So far as the Republicans are concerned, the Committees would give pretty general satisfaction, were it not for the party motives (growing out of the Senatorial contest) that are believed to have influenced their construction. One member of the Assembly failed to get a show on any Committee whatever, and he is the subject of general commiseration. His name is E. L. PATRICK, and he hails from Chenango County. Mr. HARDMAN, of New-York, called the attention of the Assembly to the slight that had been shown Mr. PATRICK, and in the generosity of his heart asked to be excused from the position that had been provided for himself on the "Aliens" Committee, in order to give his friend PATRICK a show. He said there were no "aliens" in his district that needed his services, but the House refused to excuse him. Mr. MUNSEY, of New-York, endeavored to "beat the amnesty" of the Republican Party by offering a resolution that SYDNEY MYERS, a colored man, be appointed additional door-keeper. Giving rise to debate, it was laid over under the rule. Mr. EMERSON sought to "test the consistency" of both parties in the matter of "equal taxation," by offering a bill to repeal the law exempting church property from taxation. It was referred to the Committee on Charitable and Religious Societies. An effort was made to pass the bill, which went to a third reading yesterday, providing for the erection of a soldiers' monument in Central Park. Judge CARDOZO, and others, while approving of the monument, thought it should be erected by private subscription, as similar monuments had been in other counties. After a brief discussion the bill was recommitted.

The Senate went into Executive session again to-day, and confirmed another batch of Notaries Public. Report of this, or any other thing, was deemed worthy of note. GEO. WM. CURTIS lectures here to-night on "Political Morality." His coming to Albany with such a theme, just at this juncture, is regarded by the members as a personal insult to the Legislature, and although hand-bills, announcing the lecture, were laid on the desks of all the members, it is not likely any of them will have the courage to attend.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 21.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. EDWARDS—Authorizing the Flushing and North Side Railroad to purchase the Flushing and Woodside and the New-York and Flushing Railroad, and consolidate the same.

By Mr. KENNEDY—To aid in the construction of the Rensselaer Railroad.

By Mr. CHAPMAN—In regard to boarding Broome County prisoners in the Albany or Onondaga County Penitentiaries. Also compelling the labor of Broome County prisoners.

By Mr. PALMER—In relation to savings in the Bowery Savings Bank.

By Mr. MONROE—Providing for amending the laws by directing that no ship, vessel, raft or merchandise shall be cast on any inland lake or river shall be deemed to belong to the people of the State, but may be redeemed by the owner or consignee upon the payment of a reasonable salvage and necessary expenses.

By Mr. FULTON—Investing in JOHN T. CONOVER all property in Columbia in the will case of G. A. Conover, deceased.

By Mr. MURPHY—Confirming the deed of EDWARD TOPP to lands on the corner of Hewitt and Schermerhorn avenues in Brooklyn.

By Mr. NORTON—Empowering the East Side Railroad to lay tracks from South Ferry to Grand-street, upon Smith, Broad, Peck, Cherry, Market, Monroe, Grand, Madison, New Chambers, William, South William and Whitehall streets.

BILLS PASSED.

To supply water to Binghamton.

To authorize the City of Lockport to purchase hose carriages and fire badges.

Permitting the citizens of Hamilton, Madison County, Vienna, Oneida County, and Clifton Park, Saratoga County, to vote by ballots for certain officers.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Mr. MONROE introduced a resolution, which was carried, directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Senate with a draft of the laws for selecting certain classes of officers now elected by the people, and such other persons holding positions in corporations as may seem advisable to act as Notaries Public, and devolving upon them the powers and duties of Notaries. Also repealing the present law for the appointment of Notaries.

The following Notaries Public for New-York were confirmed in Executive session to-day: Jos. O'Brien, Wm. L. Lowe, F. E. Miller, Wm. L. Unmis, Peter J. McKnight, Jos. R. Lawrence, Jos. Gutman, Jr., Jas. Spencer, D. D. T. Lefferts, Jr., Wm. W. Burnham, John D. Van Buren, Jr., Henry Morford, A. T. Hillyer, Joseph Merrill, Robert B. Days, David Jackson, James Maxwell, Wm. P. Traphagen, James P. Walker, Henry R. Tiller, George P. Gow, Alfred Wagstaff, Jr., James Price, Thomas F. Donnelly, Loring Wesson, J. L. Stillson, George W. Lemmey, Robert Campbell, E. F. Demilwest, George C. Priske, Uriah Welch, T. C. Jenkes, Wm. A. Dunham, John Clifton Gray, John A. Weed, Wm. C. Nicoll, A. R. McDonough, M. F. Dyer, F. Muller, Louis M. Doscher, R. F. Daley, R. R. Fordham, James R. Wells, Jr., Jason Bishop, Wm. Livingston, Jr., Jas. Lynch, Jr., E. Sloan, Edward Finn, Wm. B. Bird, Louis Fellows, Harvey Baldwin, Matthew Hendrick and Thomas H. Barnett.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the following Committees:

On Ways and Means—Messrs. Selkreg, Root, Thomas, Bates, Bassett, Hitchman, Lyon.

On Commerce and Navigation—Messrs. Mosier, Lakes, Houston, Genin, Cornell, Lamoree, Jacobs, Frase.

On Canals—Messrs. Chase, Lesher, Avery, Burns, Hoyt, Bradbury, Woolman.

On Railroads—Messrs. Campbell, Davis, Wood, Baker, Alabaster, Doolittle, Irving.

On Banks—Messrs. Truman, Wright, Way, Butterfield, Gauss, Power, Burns.

On Insurance—Messrs. Richmond, Kendall, Schoonmaker, Hall, Fry of Oneida, Flagg, Prudence.

On the Two-Mile and Three-Mile Bills—Messrs. Alabaster, Whitbreth, Clark, Plunkett.

On Public Education—Messrs. Walker, Smith, Turtle, Hegeman, Ely, Lamson, Flagg.

On Grievances—Messrs. Root, Stuart, Randall, Bunker, Mitchell.

On Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Hagaman, Sexton, Conover, Sullivan, Mosely.

On Petitions of Aliens—Messrs. Calkins, Tuttle, Hastie, Hartman, O'Keefe.

On the Election and Division of Towns and Counties—Messrs. Glock, Conger, Rich, Howard, Pearsall, of Queens.

On Claims—Messrs. Crook, Andrews, Clifford, Pearsall of Chenango, Hoffman.

On Internal Affairs—Messrs. Palmer, Farley, Austin, Thornton, Hodge, Steele, Burger.

On Public Health—Messrs. Carpenter, Kendall, Mitchell, Cook, Alabaster, Le Moree, Hasbrouck.

On Cities—Messrs. Genet, Cook, Cooke, Avery, Walker, Drahman.

On Affairs of Cities—Messrs. Gleason, Richmond, Hodges, Le Roy, Summers, Demers, T. G. Campbell.

On Affairs of Villages—Messrs. Richardson, Ray, Ferris, Clark, Ely, Stevens, Tighe.

On Manufactures—Messrs. Stevens, Sessions, Baker, Brandage, Howard, Reimer.

On Trade and Commerce—Messrs. Lathem, Hill, Butterfield, Tipton, Ferris.

On State Prisons—Messrs. Slocum, Gifford, Ray, Keegan, Calvin.

On Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Smith, Hackett, Seery, Kiernan, Horton.

On Minor Litigation—Messrs. Donohue, Collins, Elmon, Andrews, Hoyt, Murphy, Paton.

On Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Andrews, Gin, Whitmarsh, Baker, Lawrence, Hodges, Moody.

On Judiciary—Messrs. Rose, Fisher, Hackett, Wheaton, Calvin.

On Charitable and Religious Societies—Messrs. Glenn, Farrin, Cosgrove, Potter, Day, Hadden, Lawrence, Le Moree.

On Agriculture—Messrs. Ely, Thornton, Perry, Griffin, Lyon.

On Public Printing—Messrs. Bunker, Hastie, Carpenter, Dimmick, Kimball, Nestinger.

On Expenditures in the Executive Department—Messrs. Sargent, Perry, Pearsall, Decker, Halpin.

On Expenditures of the House—Messrs. Ray, Schoonmaker, Mitchell, Hasbrouck, Horton.

On Expenditures of Canals—Messrs. Davis, Amsden, Hixon, Kilham, Smith, Milnes, Sullen.

On Forest Relations—Messrs. Hunted, Kilmer, Sargent, Glenn, Sargent, Porter, Smith.

The Speaker made the following appointments:

Engrossing Messenger—Samuel M. Stuart, of Erie.

Assistant Messenger—Wm. L. Wallace, of Livingston.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Wm. W. Reynolds, of Albany.

Doorkeeper—Wm. Ripley, of Chenango; Charles H. Smith, of Otsego; George Moore, of New-York City; Henry W. Shipman, of Broome; Joseph Gardner, of Schenectady; C. V. Hammond, of Montgomery; Charles F. Hunkel, of Wayne; Ed. H. Beck, of Tompkins; J. O. Hewitt, of Onondaga.

Speaker's Messenger—Elmer Carpenter, of New-York City; Robert Gray, of Albany.

Messenger's Messenger—Henry Keller, of Albany; James E. Fiest, of Albany.

Clerk's Appointments—Assistant Clerk—S. S. Hasbrouck, of Ulster; Department Clerk—William Bunn, of Chenango; Journal Clerk—Addison G. Bundick, of Madison; Assistant Journal Clerk—William W. Fiscus, of Westchester; Financial Clerk—J. P. Boughton, of St. Lawrence; Engrossing Clerk—Nicholas T. Tucker, of Albany; Department Clerk—Walter M. Dollman, of Onondaga; Clerk Committee on Engrossing Bills—Otis G. Hinckley, of Chautauqua; Librarian—Albert H. Blossom, of Erie; Assistant Librarian—C. C. Gilbert, of Saratoga; Clerk's Messenger—Marvin R. Kenyon, of Livingston; Bank Messenger—Charles T. Dunwell, of Warren; Lobby Messenger—Temple Parker, of Chautauqua; Engrossing Room Messenger—Charles L. Keyes, of Albany.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. KERRIGAN—To amend the Militia law.

By Mr. STEWARD—To settle the claim of Thomas G. Gibson, a former Clerk of Clinton Prison.

By Mr. FRASE—To incorporate the Margaretville Retreat for the Insane.

By Mr. BAKER—Relative to claims against the town of Copenhagen.

By Mr. HUNTER—To open certain streets in Brooklyn, E. D.

By Mr. O'KEEFE—To facilitate possession of lands in actions for dower. Also, to facilitate the transfer of real estate in Kings County.

By Mr. KIERNAN—Relative to notaries public.

By Mr. EMMAN—To enable the Comptroller to pay moneys to CHARLES WARNE.

By Mr. MITCHELL—To amend the Metropolitan act.

By Mr. FRASE—To amend the Metropolitan Excise law.

By Mr. SEYMOUR—To incorporate the East Side Savings Bank. Also, in relation to the poor statistics.

By Mr. FLUNKETT—Relative to the construction of piers in the North River.

By Mr. COOK—In relation to highways in Ontario County.

By Mr. PALMER—In relation to the collection of taxes in Lisbon. Also, to make Harrison Creek a public highway.

By Mr. HOYT—To confirm a title of real estate of the Congregational Society of Saratoga. Also, in relation to the Union-avenue Association of Saratoga Springs.

By Mr. KERN—For the relief of DAVID HARVEY, of Saratoga County.

By Mr. FRANKLIN—To establish a Receiver of Taxes in Flushing. Also, for the preservation of fish in Flushing Bay. Adjourned.

The Quartermaster-General's Report.

The report of the Quartermaster-General of the State contains the following in regard to the war claims against the General Government:

During the last session of Congress an effort was made by the joint legislatures of the two States, for a joint commission to adjust all unsettled business of this character between the State and General Government upon an equitable basis, but without success. It was therefore deemed advisable to urge the settlement of such portion of the account as had been allowed and passed upon, free from objections raised by the Treasury Department. For this purpose I visited Washington and secured the further credit of $81,021 12.

Under the existing laws and rules of the Department, I judge that not more than fifty per cent. of the balance of this claim can be allowed, owing to the informality of vouchers and the irregularities practiced at the time the expense was incurred. Congressional action should be solicited to obviate the difficulties in the way of a settlement, and for the allowance of interest amounting to about $160,000 due the State upon money advanced during the year 1861. Authority should be conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury to receive vouchers properly certified by the State authorities covering such legitimate and incidental expenses as can be shown to have been necessary at the time they were incurred. The labor incident to the preparing and presenting of the claim has been drawn from several military departments, and has lacked that efficiency which the importance of the duty demands. In view, therefore, of the difficulties to be encountered, the labor required, and the time which must necessarily elapse under the present management, I would respectfully recommend the passage of a law giving authority to the Comptroller to employ a competent agent, at a rate of compensation not exceeding a certain percentage upon the amount credited to the State, and to be in lieu of all salaries and expenses, in order to insure a full and speedy settlement.

By direction of His Excellency, I have exercised supervision over the military agencies and Soldiers' Home during the year.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Text of the Treaty Negotiated by Lord Clarendon and Mr. Johnson, and now Pending in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.

The following is the full text of the *Alabama* claims treaty negotiated at London, Jan. 14, 1869, by Lord CLARENDON and REVERDY JOHNSON, and which is now pending in the Senate of the United States for ratification:

Whereas, Claims have been made upon various times, since the adjournment of the Commission, by citizens of the United States and Great Britain of Feb. 8, 1853, upon the Government of her Britannic Majesty on the part of the citizens of the United States, and upon the Government of the United States by the subjects of her Britannic Majesty, and whereas some of said claims are still pending and undecided before the Tribunals of the United States of America, and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland being of opinion that a speedy and equitable settlement of all such claims will contribute much to the maintenance of the friendly feelings which exist between the two Governments, have, after long discussion, agreed upon their progress by means of a convention, and have named their Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say: The President of the United States of America, REVERDY JOHNSON, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, and Her Britannic Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Lord CLARENDON, &c., &c., Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE 1. The high contracting parties agree that all claims on the part of individuals, citizens of the United States, upon the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, and all claims on the part of individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, upon the Government of the United States, which may have been presented to either Government for the other position, with the other, since the exchange of ratifications at London, Feb. 8, 1853, which yet remain unsettled, as well as any other such claims which may be presented within the time specified in article 5, hereinafter, shall be referred to two Commissioners, one to be appointed in the following manner, that is to say: Two Commissioners shall be named by the President of the United States, and confirmed by the Senate and by Her Britannic Majesty. The aforesaid Commissioners shall meet at the earliest practicable period after they shall have been respectively named, and before entering on the discharge of their duties shall make a declaration under oath that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide, to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity, without fear, favor or affection to their own country, upon all such claims as shall be laid before them as the part of the Governments of the United States and of Her Britannic Majesty, respectively, and such declaration shall be attached on the record of their proceedings. The Commissioners shall then and there proceed to act jointly in the case of any other business, name some third person to act as an arbitrator or umpire in any case or cases on which they may themselves differ in opinion. If they should not be able to agree upon the name of such third person, they shall each name a person, and in each and every case in which the Commissioners may differ in opinion as to the decision which they ought to give, it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the arbitrator of umpire in that particular case. The person or persons so to be chosen to be arbitrator (or umpire) shall, before proceeding to act as such in any case, make and subscribe a solemn declaration in a form similar to that which shall already have been made and subscribed by the Commissioners, which shall be entered on the record of their proceedings. In the event of the death, absence or incapacity of such person or persons, or of his or their omitting, or declining, or ceasing to act as such arbitrator or umpire, or in the event of any such person having been named, or agreed, to act as such arbitrator or umpire in a particular case, the place shall be filled up in the same manner as aforesaid, to act as such arbitrator or umpire in the place and stead of the person so originally named or agreed upon, and shall make and subscribe such declaration as aforesaid.

ART. 2. The Commissioners shall then forthwith and jointly or severally proceed to the examination of the claims which shall be presented to their notice. They shall investigate and decide upon such claims, in such order, and in such manner, but upon such evidence or information only as shall be furnished by or on behalf of their respective Governments. They shall be bound to receive such evidence and to hear such arguments as either may be presented to them by or on behalf of their respective Governments in support of and in answer to any claim, and to hear, if required, one person on each side, on behalf of each Government, on each claim, to speak and answer for his Government, and to receive the whole or any part of the evidence submitted to the arbitrator or umpire in any such case, if they shall think fit so to do, instead of receiving the same in the form in which it may be presented by any claimant or agent. They shall be at liberty to call for such additional evidence as they may think fit to require, from the Government of the country against which the claim is made, and the Government of the country against which the claim is made, shall be entitled to answer and comment upon every claim within two years from the day of their first meeting, which shall be held in the City of Washington.

ART. 4. All sums of money which may be awarded by the Commissioners, or by the arbitrator or umpire, on account of any claims, shall be paid in coin or its equivalent, as the case may be, within eighteen months after the date of the decision, without interest.

ART. 5. The high contracting parties engage to consider the result of the proceedings at this Commission to be a full, perfect and final settlement of every claim upon either Government of the part of the subjects or citizens of the other, referred to the exchange of the ratifications of the present Convention, and mutually engage that every such claim, whether or not the same may have been presented to the notice of, made, preferred, or laid before the said Commission, shall, from and after the conclusion of the proceedings of the said Commission, be considered and treated as totally settled, barred, and thenceforth inadmissible.

ART. 6—The Commissioners and the arbitrator or umpire shall keep an accurate record and correct minutes or notes of all their proceedings, with the dates thereof, and shall appoint and employ a clerk or other person to assist them in the conduction of the business which may come before them. A secretary and clerks are to be appointed conjointly. The whole expenses of the Commission, including contingent expenses, shall be defrayed equally between the two Governments.

ART. 7. The present Convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by Her Britannic Majesty; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as may be, within twelve months from the date hereof.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at London, the fourteenth day of January, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

(Signed,) CLARENDON, L. S.
REVERDY JOHNSON, L. S.

THE TELEGRAPH.

The Proposition to Unite the Postal and Telegraphic System—Statistics of the Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Mr. ORTON, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, laid before the House Committee on Post Offices, to-day, a paper on the proposed union of the telegraph and postal system. This paper presents a thorough and exhaustive statement of the present condition of the electric telegraph in Europe and America. The Company has evidently taken great pains to collect the most accurate information upon the subject, and the facts presented therefore possess more than ordinary interest and value. The statistics show that there is a larger number of telegraph offices, in proportion to the population, in this country than in any other in the world. While in Europe there is but one telegraph office for every 47,651 of its inhabitants, in the United States there is one for every 7,549. The total number of telegrams transmitted in Europe per annum, according to the official reports, is 18,653,000, at an expense of $15,266,000. The average cost was 81 54-5 cents per message. The Western Union Telegraph Company transmits 10,067,000 telegrams per annum, at a cost of $5,726,000, being an average of 57 cents per message. The European statistics include Ireland in international and transit messages, and thus present a larger number of telegrams than are actually transmitted, as the same message is sometimes counted in several countries, while those of the Western Union Telegraph Company are counted but once, although they may traverse thousands of miles in reaching their destination. Making a proper allowance for the duplication in counting in Europe, the actual number of dispatches sent was 14,013,000, at an average cost of 81 cents. In this country, in consequence of the telegraphic administration connected with the Post Office. In Prussia and Spain the telegraphs are under the control of the Minister of the Interior. In Russia, Prussia and Italy they belong to the Ministry of Public Works. In Belgium the telegraph, railways and Post Offices form a general direction under the Minister of Public Works, but are kept distinct. In Austria the administration of the telegraphs and the Post Office were at one time united, but it was found expedient to separate them. In Switzerland the telegraphic organization is nearly the same as France. The Post Office, Customs and private establishments supply the telegraph with a auxiliary staff, but all the persons employed in the transmission of telegrams depend on the administration of telegraphs for their compensation, and in the annual Budget an appropriation is made for that service distinct from the post. An effort was made in France, in 1851, to consolidate the Post and telegraph service, but owing to the strong opposition evinced on the part of the outer functionary or boss service to such amalgamation, it was relinquished. It was not until several years after the introduction of the electric telegraph in America that it was adopted in the people by any European Government; even in France the electric telegraph was established as late as 1851, and its spread throughout the Empire was exceedingly slow. The semaphore, a defective and inefficient system of conveying intelligence by the exhibition of signals, was still in use, and notwithstanding the strong advantages of the electric telegraph, the Government was reluctant to employ it. The extent of lines and wire belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Company is more than twice that of France, three times greater than that of Prussia, and equals the aggregated systems of Austria, Prussia, the lesser German States, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Switzerland, and it is increasing in larger ratio than any European system. The Western Union Telegraph Company has added to its lines during the year 1868 more than 6,000 miles of wire, or as much as the entire system of Belgium. In no country is the telegraph so widely used by the masses, and nowhere else has there ever been so earnest an endeavor made to serve the people faithfully and satisfactorily. The cost of construction of the telegraph lines in Great Britain and Ireland is $1,038,000 per mile. On this basis the value of the lines belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Company is $52,166,075 56. The Western Union Telegraph Company has 8,321 telegraph offices, 50,700 miles of line, 97,416 miles of wire, 305 submarine cables, and 4,861 skilled persons now in employ. The Company has the telegraphic facilities for traffic in those countries where it is under Governmental control than those where it is left to private enterprise is shown by official statistics to be entirely erroneous. In Continental Europe, where the telegraph are under Government control, there are but 4,347 offices for a population of over 206,000,000; while Great Britain, the Dominion of Canada, and the United States, where the telegraph has hitherto been left to the control of the people, furnish 8,689 telegraph offices for a population of 84,000,000. The number of telegrams transmitted per annum in Continental Europe is only 12,466,000; while there were sent by the people of the three countries where it has been hitherto free from Government monopoly, 16,471,000. The tariff of charges averages $1 09 in Continental Europe, counting the messages actually transmitted; while in the three countries where the people manage the business, it averages but 51 cents. Private enterprise has laid the submarine cables through the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean Seas, across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Vineyard Sound, the Strait of Florida, the English Channel, the North Sea, and the German and Atlantic Oceans. It is a suggestive fact that the amount of news furnished by the Western Union Telegraph Company to the United States, for an aggregate sum of $621,000 per annum, is considerably greater than the entire telegraphic correspondence of continental Europe, for which those Governments receive $11,000,000. The press rate for domestic telegrams has been stated at 81 08, while the average cost of Press telegrams in the United States, under our competitive system, is but 1¼ cents.

The bill introduced by Mr. WASHBURNE for the establishment of Government lines, provides for a general tariff of 1 cent per word, with an additional charge of 2 cents for delivery, and stipulates that a reduction of not more than fifty per cent shall be made for Press reports. This rate would increase the average cost of news for the Press of the United States more than three hundred per cent; and should the plan be adopted, the newspapers would be compelled to pay the entire tax of $1,000,000 per annum for the privilege of their own enterprise. It is known that our telegraphic rates are lower than the highest foreign rates; the average Atlantic rates are lower than the average foreign rates, and the lowest American rates are lower than the lowest foreign rates. In order that a fair comparison may be made between the American and European systems of telegraphy, so far as the rate of charges is concerned, the Company presents a list of sixty of the principal stations in Europe and the same number in the United States, with the tariff and distances in each line from London and New-York, respectively, by which it appears that the rates from London are more than twice as much upon an average for the messages sent from New-York. In Belgium one message is sent to each seventh person, in Great Britain one to each five, and in the United States one to each two and a half. The proportion of telegrams to letters in Great Britain is one to 12; in Switzerland one to sixty-nine, in Belgium one to thirty-seven, and in the United States one to twenty-two. The proposition of Mr. WASHBURNE to deprive telegrams by letter-carriers is shown to be impracticable, as there are only forty-six places where the Post Office has established free delivery of letters out of a total of 29,000 Post Offices in the United States. The amount of business done upon a wire in a given time is very much greater in this country than in any other. In Europe there are nearly three times as many miles of wire as there are in this country; and yet the wires in the United States transmit more telegraphic matter per annum than all the lines of Europe combined. This singular fact is explained by the superior character and ability of our operating staff, and the more reliable construction of our lines. It is worthy of mention that while the rates for telegraphing in the United States do not average much more than half as much as the European charges for the same distance, yet the cost of labor and material is nearly three times as great here as in Europe. The average weekly earnings in England, for all kinds of labor, including professional, domestic, commercial, agricultural, and industrial, are $3 16, while on the Continent of Europe the average is considerably less. Letter-carriers in England receive 24 cents per day, and in the United States, $2 18. The number of letter-carriers employed by the British Post Office Department, for the year 1866, was 11,149, and the total expenditure for the same, $3,244,000, or an average of $292 85 per annum for each man. The number of letter-carriers employed by the Post Office Department of the United States, for the year 1866, was 865, and the total expenditure for the same, $660,236, being an average of $663 77 for each man. The British Post Office delivered 706,000,000 letters for the year 1866, while the United States Post Office delivered but 55,000,000. The assertion that the consolidation of the telegraph lines in the United States caused an increase in the rates for telegraphing, is not true. In no instance has the tariff been increased since the consolidation; on the contrary, there has been a steady decrease, the rates to more than 1,000 stations have been reduced, and the rates have still being steadily continued. The Western Union Telegraph Company is now preparing a new tariff of rates based upon six-line distances between all stations, which will still further slightly and cheapen the tariff. The policy and practice of the Company favor a reduction of the rates on distances as rapidly as the earnings will permit, and they are free to admit, and do offer, if the Government will abolish its tax on the receipts for transmitting telegrams, to lower its rates until the reduction upon the gross amount of business done shall be twice as much as the tax exacted. This would lessen the rate for telegraphing one-half, and would be a far better plan for furnishing cheaper telegraphic facilities to the people than the construction and operation of Government lines at the expense of the National Treasury, not to mention the creation of a new army of office-holders to operate the Government lines. In Great Britain, where there are 2,151 telegraph stations, only one-fourth of the gross receipts are taken in at eighteen stations, fifteen per cent. at eighty-one stations, and only nine per cent. at the remains. Even of the seventy-six per cent. received at the eighteen stations, one-half of that whole percentage was received in London, and one quarter from the other cities. In France three hundred stations collect 178,333 out of a total of 1,077,890 francs per annum, and of the amount paris collects 2,794,769 francs, being more than one-third of the total receipts of the whole Empire. The Western Union Telegraph Company receives its revenues in a similar manner from 1,000 offices. It receives seventy-five per cent. also from 3,195 offices. Mr. WASHBURNE's bill provides for incorporating the United States Postal Telegraph Company, and to establish a postal telegraph system, provides for the establishment of telegraph lines to all cities and villages of 5,000 inhabitants and over in the United States. Were this scheme to be adopted, and the Government thus entered into partnership with the new Company upon the telegraph business, in accordance with the terms of the bill, what is to become of the smaller towns? According to the census of 1860, there are only 316 cities and villages in the United States having inhabitants necessary to entitle them to an office under the postal system. Who want to be the people of such towns? The remaining 2,818 towns now having offices? Private companies if driven out of the field by the establishment of this semi-Government competing line could not do it, and as this scheme makes no provision for them they must necessarily be deprived of the facilities they now enjoy. Under this bill Arkansas, Florida and Oregon would not be entitled to an office; Minnesota, Mississippi and South Carolina to but one; Alabama, North Carolina, Texas and Vermont to but two each; Delaware and Tennessee to but three each; Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky and Michigan to but four each; and Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New-Hampshire, R

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The bids will be opened at the office of the Company, in Boston, on SATURDAY MORNING, Jan. 30, and the accepted bids designated.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT,
SIDNEY BARTLETT,
NATHANIEL THAYER, } Trustees.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 92 BROADWAY, N.-Y., Jan. 14, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD MONDAY, the 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

NICHOLAS C. MILLER, FREDERICK MEAD,
LEVI AGGAR, CHAS. H. APPLEGATE,
JOHN B. MORSE, H. P. CORNELL,
GEO. W. SAVAGE, E. CORNELL WHITE,
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JOHN B. HOLDANE, JAMES WALLACE,
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S. S. CHAMBERLIN, ADOLPH EBERHARDT,
ISAIAH MOORE, CHAS. S. RICHARD,
WM. W. OWENS, P. O. KIMBALL,
JOHN S. WHITE, JAMES M. SEGUA.
ALEX. BONNEFOY,

At a subsequent meeting of the Board held this day, NICHOLAS C. MILLER, Esq., was unanimously reelected President. M. M. BRADLEY, Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:

WM. A. WHEELOCK, HENRY A. SMYTHE,
GEORGE SEIDDY, FERDY W. COGGILL,
HORACE B. CLAFLIN, JAS. G. CAMPBELL,
SIMON SERNHEIMER, NATHAN A. BALDWIN,
ROBERT H. BENDELL.

At a subsequent meeting WM. A. WHEELOCK was unanimously reelected President, and FRANCIS SEIDDY 1st Vice President for the ensuing year. W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

THE BERGEN OIL AND COAL COMPANY OF NEW-JERSEY.

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NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

P. HOWLAND, President.
R. SURBRIDGE,
JAMES C. McANDREW, } Majority of Directors.
W. H. WEBB,
N. A. WELLS,

City and County of New-York, ss.: C. R. GRIFFIN, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Secretary of the Bergen Oil and Coal Company, and that the foregoing certificate is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. C. R. GRIFFIN.

Sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1869.
JAMES R. SWAIN, Notary Public, New-York City.

MERCHANTS AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders, owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association, to go into liquidation and to wind it up, has been passed, and that this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

And the holders of the notes of this Association are either notified to present the notes for payment at the banking-house of said Association in Troy, or to receive payment.

Dated Troy, Jan. 21, 1869.

By order of the Board of Directors.
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ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, New-York, Jan. 18, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 14TH inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz:

UNION ADAMS, ROBERT COWLAD,
WILLIAM A. CURWIN, THOMAS H. FOLLAND,
CHARLES G. CORNELL, HENRY W. SEALEY,
CONRAD SEARLE, JOHN T. WEBB, JR.,
WILLIAM H. KIP.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, UNION ADAMS, Esq., was unanimously elected President.

Mr. JOHN T. WEBB, JR., was unanimously reelected Vice-President, and CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

SCHUYLER AND COLORADO COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office, No. 9 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 3 o'clock, to vote upon the question of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments. By order of the Directors.

R. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Grocers' Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 87 Broad-st., on MONDAY, Feb. 1, inst., between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. JACOB R. MOORE, Secretary.

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STOCKS, BONDS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD on commission.
Interest allowed on balances.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,

BANKERS,
NO. 2 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.
ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT for Travelers available in all parts of the world.
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES bought and sold at the Stock Exchange on usual commission.
Interest allowed on deposits.

FOR SALE,
$300,000 FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE
CEDAR FALLS and MINNESOTA RAILROAD CO.,
Interest Per Cent. Semi-annually.

The road is leased to and operated by the ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, the rentals from which the Company uses under the lease being more than sufficient to pay the interest on the entire issue of bonds.

Apply to J. S. KENNEDY & CO.,
No. 37 Broadway.

J. M. WELSH & CO.,
DEALERS IN SOUTHERN SECURITIES,
No. 15 New-st. and No. 11 Broadway.
Offer for sale:
Mobile and Ohio Sterling Bonds.
Mobile and Ohio Sterling Interest Bonds.
Memphis City 6 per cent. Bonds.
Virginia Registered Stock.
Memphis and Charleston Second Mortgage Bonds.
Memphis and Charleston Stock.

PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI.

Holders of the coupons on Gold-bearing Bonds of the PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI, due Feb. 1, 1869, will present the same at the BANK OF AMERICA on and after that date for payment in GOLD, free from Government tax.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the American Dividend Trust Company will be held on the 18th day of February, 1869, at 5 o'clock P. M., at their office, No. 119 Hester-st., in the City of New-York, for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said Company to the amount of Five Hundred thousand dollars.

A. STEWART BLACK,
SIGMUND MAYER,
DUDLEY M. FERGUSON,
AARON JACOBS,
JOHN N. HAYWARD,
Majority of Trustees.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1869.

WESTERN NATIONAL BANK, No. 28 Broad-st., Corner Exchange-place, NEW-YORK.

AT AN ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS, held at the Banking-house, on the 14th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

JNO. E. DICKINSON, EDWIN A. KNOWLTON,
JOS. T. SANGER, H. H. BAKER,
JOHN A. WRIGHT, TIMOTHY P. PORTER,
JOHN FALCONER, JOSEPH SELIGMAN,
HENRY J. BAKER, O. F. DAVENPORT,
ALBERT G. BAKER, WM. H. FOSTER,
JOHN H. STOUT, HARVEY R. HICKS.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. JOHN H. STOUT was unanimously reelected President, and Mr. JOSEPH SELIGMAN was unanimously reelected Vice-President. J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12TH inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

ROBERT HOE, TOM B. CRUGSHILL,
JOSEPH STUART, JOSEPH E. HOYT,
JOHN M. FURMAN, HENRY SHEW,
CHARLES L. ANTHONY, GEORGE W. OPDYKE.

At a subsequent meeting, ROBERT HOE, Esq., was unanimously reelected President, and Mr. JOSEPH STUART Vice-President.

S. SEAMAN, Cashier.

PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE of the State of New-York, entitled "An act to amend the laws of the corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, and other useful purposes," passed Feb. 22, A. D. 1866, the KALMIA MILLS COMPANY, organized under said act and the amendments thereto, make the following report:

The amount of their capital stock is $200,000 whereof there is subscribed the sum of $100,000, of which has been actually paid in; the property of which has been invested for the payment in full for real estate, mill, machinery and improvements thereon, including manufactured and unmanufactured goods necessary to their business. The amount of the existing debts of the Company is twenty thousand nine hundred dollars, ($20,900), and not in excess thereof.

[Five-cent revenue stamp canceled.]

State of New-York, County and City of New-York, ss.: M. F. HUNT, being duly sworn, says: That he is Treasurer and Secretary of the Kalmia Mills Company, and that the foregoing report is true, of his own knowledge.

M. F. HUNT.

Sworn to before me this 1st day of January, 1869.
JAMES H. MCKINLAY, Notary Public.

[Five-cent revenue stamp canceled.]

NOTICE.—THE PUBLIC AND ALL BANKS are cautioned against receiving or recognizing a check for twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars, dated May 1, 1868, drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank, by L. E. JEROME in favor of CAPT. E. JEROME and purporting to be payable by said bank, as the liability of said bank is denied.

A. A. ALLA, Cashier.

THE MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY give notice, that on Feb. 15, inst. they will pay a cash dividend of eleven per cent. on their preferred stock, and will divide in common stock Four per Cent. to their preferred stockholders, and Four per Cent. to their common stockholders, according to the list of stockholders as shown by the transfer books will be closed from Jan. 20, 12 P. M., to Feb. 16, 10 A. M., by order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES M. McKINLAY, Transfer Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

INTEREST ON CITY SOCKS.—SEALED BIDS for Interest on the stocks and bonds of the Corporation of the City of New-York, one month prior to the 1st of February, will be received by the undersigned, at his office in the New Croton Aqueduct Office, up to the hour of Ten o'clock, on the day above mentioned.

The transfer books will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1869.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

THE PUBLIC ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST negotiating fifty (50) shares New-York National Exchange Bank stock certificate, No. 38, with blank power attached, standing in name of John R. Hardin, now having been lost and number changed.

JOHN B. MARTIN,
No. 2 Wall-st.

$25,000 TO LOAN ON IMPROVED City property; none but first mortgages will be taken. Apply immediately to SHERRED & PARKER, No. 15 Broadway.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

NORTH AMERICAN
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 214 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL	$200,000
SURPLUS, Jan. 1, 1869	574,848
ASSETS	$774,848

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT, free of Government tax, payable on demand.

F. S. CARTER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.

OFFICE OF MANHATTAN INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 52 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent., payable on demand.

GEO. B. HODGDON, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1868.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.

A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in common stock, on and after Jan. 20, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 4th of January next. All payable at this office.

All orders for dividend scrip must be endorsed and stamped. R. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

OFFICE EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 175 BROADWAY, CORNER MAIDEN-LANE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per cent., free from Government tax, payable Feb. 1, 1869. Transfer books closed from Feb. first to 11th inst.

CHAS. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

ARE YOU INSURED?

OFFICE OF THE RESCUE FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 150 CHATHAM-SQUARE.

5TH DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., payable on demand.

JAS. W. DEGLISE, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 135 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

A semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.

A. H. WALTON, Secretary.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY,
TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Five Per Cent., free of Government tax, has been declared out of the profits of last six months, payable on demand. THE STUYVESANT INSURANCE CO., No. 126 Bowery.

WM. J. LEGGETT, Secretary.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

LAMAR FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 40 Wall-st.

A semi-annual dividend of SIX per cent., free of tax, is payable on demand.

JAS. H. MACDIARMID, Secretary.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.

NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE per Cent., payable on demand, free of United States tax.

HENRY KIP, Secretary.

THIRTIETH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE IRVING FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. payable on demand, free of Government tax.

JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

THE MICHIGAN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD CO., OFFICE NO. 38 WILLIAM-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free of United States Government tax, will be paid upon the common stock of this Company on the 15th inst., to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 6th of January next. All payable at this office.

The transfer books for the common stock will be closed on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 3 P. M., and reopened on Tuesday, the 19th morning, at 10 A. M.

D. F. BARRYDT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
HOWARD BUILDING, NO. 128 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF FORTY PER Cent., free of Government tax, on the business of the past year, has been declared, for which certificates will be issued on and after April 1, 1869.

Six per Cent. interest on all outstanding scrip will be paid on and after Feb. 3, at which date also the outstanding scrip of the Pacific Company, of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed in cash.

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE and a Half per Cent. has been declared by this Company, payable Feb. 1, 1869, free of Government tax. Stockholders holding certificates of Scrip of New-York will be paid at the office of the "United States Trust Company of New-York," No. 45 Wall-st.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Jan. 16 until Feb. 2.

By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. R. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1868.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. (for six months), was declared, payable on demand.

A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of February next.

E. BOOK, Cashier.

OFFICE EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Five per cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

A. C. BERTHA, Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 119 BROADWAY, Jan. 11, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. has been declared by the Board of Directors, payable on demand.

WM. A. BUBER, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 119 BROADWAY, Jan. 11, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand. WM. A. BUBER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of 5 (Five) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. RAYMOND, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 135 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. (free of Government tax), was declared, payable on demand.

A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of February next. E. BOOK, Cashier.

OFFICE EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 120 BROADWAY, Jan. 11, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Five per cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

A. C. BERTHA, Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 119 BROADWAY, Jan. 11, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared by the Board of Directors, payable on demand.

WM. A. BUBER, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 119 BROADWAY, Jan. 11, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand. WM. A. BUBER, Jr., Secretary.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. upon its capital, payable to the stockholders or to their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 21, 1869.

CYRUS PECK, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

OFFICE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 140 BROADWAY,

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.

JOHN G. MILLS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE FULTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

TWENTIETH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five Per Cent., payable on demand, free of Government tax.

JAMES M. HASKIN, Secretary.

INSURANCE.

OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 187 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD AT the office of this Company, on Jan. 4, inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

TIMOTHY S. BURGER, DANIEL D. WHITNEY,
THOMAS MORTON, ABE WAKEMAN,
ELIAS ROBERTS, E. G. RATTLEDY,
CHARLES W. HOKINS, C. H. MCLAUGHLIN,
M. H. VAN BUREN, CESARE G. LAWRENCE,
H. BROWN, H. WINDMULLER,
EDWARD TOWLER, THOMAS HERNEDEN,
J. V. MCKINSTRY, GEORGE TWOMBLY,
EDWARD SULLIVAN, JAMES BOOTH,
MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, GEORGE W. QUINT,
CHARLES G. WHITE, JAMES BOOTH,
NATHAN WORLEY, A. M. MONTANYA,
R. M. WATERBURY, JOHN J. BAUSH,
JOHN A. HAMILTON, JAMES MEEKS,
DANIEL S. DURANT, THOMAS WEBB,
WILSON HARMON, GEORGE G. JEFFRIES,
CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD, WM. CROLIUS,
GILBERT A. PARSONS, WILLIAM VAN NAME,
DAVID COLLADAY, R. B. WILCOX,
R. SLYDERBURG, J. G. WILKINS.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. John C. Winans was unanimously reelected President for the ensuing year. SAMUEL GILMORE, Secretary.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF 400 LOTS,

PART OF

The Morris-Stebbins Tract.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York,

400 VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS,

SITUATED ON

The Grand Central Avenue,

a continuation of the 7th and 8th-st. Boulevard, about three-quarters of a mile from Harlem Bridge, in Westchester County, on a line with 170th-st., and about 1,200 feet from the Morrisania and Melrose Stations of the Harlem Railroad, and one-quarter of a mile from Fordham horse-cars, making the property accessible at all hours of day or night.

It is now proposed to place this portion of Westchester County under the charge of the

CENTRAL PARK COMMISSIONERS.

This property thus extended offers unusual inducements, either as an investment or for the purpose of creating suburban residences, combining the advantages of city and country.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE LOTS ON 4TH AND 8TH AVENUE, 19TH, 18TH AND 19TH-STS., AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on MONDAY, Jan. 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

4TH-AV.—Three lots west side 4th-av., 22.1 south of 126th-st., each 22.1 by 90 feet.

8TH-AV.—One lot southeast corner of 8th-av. and 117th-st., 22.1 by 100 feet.

19TH-ST.—Four lots north side 114th-st., 100 feet east of 8th-av., each 25 by 100.10.

18TH-ST.—Four lots north side 120th-st., 100 feet east of 8th-av., each 25 by 100.10.

19TH-ST.—Four lots north side 120th-st., 100 feet west of 8th-av., each 25 by 100.10.

19TH-ST.—Two lots south side 120th-st., 50 feet west of 4th-av.

70TH AUCTION SALE
OF
SCRANTON COAL
ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1869.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company will sell, by Messrs. JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., Auctioneers, at the Company's salesroom, No. 23 Exchange-place, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, at 12 o'clock noon,

60,000 TONS

of COAL, from the Lackawanna regions, deliverable at their depots, Elizabethport, N. J., during February, 1869.

SAMUEL SLOAN, President.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY AT AUCTION.—Stirling Hall, Salmagundi Club and Art Galleries, (Astor-place.) LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers, MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 25, and following evenings, at 7 o'clock, the private library of Rev. Wm. Jay Johnson, Rector of Christ Church, Norwalk, Conn., comprising an exceedingly select and choice assortment of theological works, embracing the editions of the most celebrated English and American divines, many handsomely bound; also many valuable illustrated and miscellaneous books. Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

ARMY BUILDING, CORNER HOUSTON AND GREENE-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1869.

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, at Fort Hamptons, Staten Island, on SATURDAY, the 23d inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., 2 draught horses, 3 mules, 12 carts, 11 sets of harness and 2 portable forges. For further information, apply at this office or at the office on the works. Terms of sale, cash.

Q. A. GILLMORE,
Brv. Major-Gen. U. S. A.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BLY, J. R. MITCHELL, BROWN & CO.—THIS DAY, (Friday,) Jan. 22, at 12 o'clock, within their store:

135 cases fresh Naples LEMONS.
18 boxes fresh Naples LEMONS, landing.
50 barrels French CHESTNUTS.

GEORGE COOK, Auctioneer.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OFFICE furniture, pianos, safes, and wares, &c.—THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at No. 101 Liberty-st., a large and varied stock of goods removed for convenience of sale, which will be absolute. Catalogues at sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT under and by virtue of a certain instrument of indenture, dated the sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine made and executed by WM. H. BELL and ROBERT YELVERTON, of the City of New-York, merchants, of the first part, ELISHA RIGGS, WILLIAM S. WETMORE and STEWART BROWN, of the first part; PROSPER M. WETMORE, of the second part, and JAMES BUCHANAN, President of the United States of America, by JOHN Y. MASON, Secretary of the Navy of the United States, of the third part, and for the purpose of obtaining repayment of the sums of one hundred and fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, being the amount of the outstanding balance of advances, due, unpaid and unremitted to the United States, with interest thereon from the twelfth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, to the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, with on the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, at 12 o'clock at noon, all at the Merchants' Exchange, at the City of New-York, at public auction, for cash, the steamship *Atlantic*, her tackle, apparel and furniture.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, April 19, 1868.

The above sale having been postponed from time to time to this date, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THURSDAY, October 22, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, at the Merchants' Exchange, Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, at twelve o'clock at noon,

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, May 8, 1868.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, January twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, October 15, 1868.

The above sale is postponed until THURSDAY, twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at same hour and place.

This postponement is a continuation in regular succession of previous postponements legally made in this case, notice of which sales have been duly advertised in designated newspapers.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1869. Jan22-1aw10tMar

INSTRUCTION.

MR. GEO. C. ANTHON'S
CLASSICAL FRENCH AND ENGLISH SCHOOL,
With Primary Department and Gymnasium,
Nos. 213 and 214 8th-av.

"AMER. SCHOOL INST.," FOUNDED 1855, is a reliable and practical Educational Bureau. To aid those who want well-qualified Teachers; To aid Teachers in the best work; To aid those who want a private or private information of good Schools; To s

SHIPPING.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route are as follows, viz:

VILLE DE PARIS.....SUMNER.....SATURDAY, Jan. 23
FRANCE.....DE KERDANIEL.....SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT.....ROUSSIN.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine):
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60.
TO PARIS.
Including railway tickets, furnished on board.
First cabin, $120; second cabin, $80.
Children under 12 years of age, half price.
Medical attendance free of charge.

Passengers by this line will avoid the Channel passage of the English mail steamers, and the tedious delays of transit through England, by taking the French express trains, which connect with the Havre steamers, thus insuring a speedy and agreeable passage.

For freight or passage apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 10 Broadway.

STEAMER VILLE DE PARIS, FOR Brest and Havre, will leave Pier No. 54, North River, foot of Morton-st., on SATURDAY, 23d January, at 4 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at noon.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COVE HARBOR, SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.

CUBA.....Jan. 20 | RUSSIA.....Feb. 10
ASIA.....Jan. 27 | CHINA.....Feb. 17
AUSTRALIAN.....Feb. 3 | CUBA.....Feb. 24

Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$130 | Second Cabin.....$80
Cabin to Paris.....$140

No storage passenger carried.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent; and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight or passage apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built Steamers are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY

From Pier No. 20 North River, if stock room.
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 23 | EUROPA.....Feb. 13
BRITANNIA.....Jan. 30 | INDIA.....Feb. 20
COLUMBIA.....Feb. 6 | SCOTIA.....Feb. 27

RATES OF PASSAGE.
Cabin, or Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and upwards. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $145. Steerage, or Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, Intermediate, $35. Prepaid Certificates from Queenstown, $35.

Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL
From Pier No. 45 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

NEBRASKA.....Jan. 27 at 12 M.
MANHATTAN.....Feb. 3 at 12 M.
NEVADA.....Feb. 10 at 12 M.
MINNESOTA.....Feb. 17, at 12 M.

Cabin passage, $80 gold; Steerage, $35, currency. Cabin, Steerage, Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, can be obtained on reasonable terms.

For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage, to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK.
ALPS.....Jan. 23 | PALMYRA.....Feb. 6
GARLIA.....Jan. 30 | SIBERIA.....Feb. 13
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, at lowest rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP DENMARK, OPTIONS, will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 12 M., from Pier No. 47 North River, foot of Canal-st.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 29 Broadway.
E. W. J. HURST, Manager.

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CHEAP IRON.

The Ellershausen Process—Its Great Value.

The recent and remarkable invention of Mr. ELLERSHAUSEN, which is now regularly in use in Pittsburg, and is being rapidly introduced all over the country, has greatly advanced the solution of this important problem. So many new steel and iron processes are brought to notice every day, that the unprofessional reader cannot keep track of their names and aims. The value of this process may be inferred from the fact that a no less respectable Board of Trustees than Messrs. ABAM L. HEWITT, R. B. WARD, JAS. HARPER, Jr., and several Pittsburg iron masters are now granting licenses under the Ellershausen patents.

The process consists in the conversion of crude cast iron, as it runs from the smelting furnace, into wrought iron, by the simple admixture of granulated iron ore. It is carried out at the works of Messrs. SHORBERGER, at Pittsburg, in the following manner: On the casting-floor of the smelting furnace, a cast-iron turn-table, about 18 feet in diameter, is revolved on rollers by a small steam engine. Upon the outside edge of the table stand a few of cast-iron partitions, forming boxes, say 20 inches wide and 24 inches high, open at the top. Just above the circle of boxes stands a stationary, wide-mouthed spout, terminating in the tap hole of the furnace. When the furnace is tapped, the liquid iron runs down this spout, and falls out of it in a thin stream into the boxes as they slowly revolve under it, depositing in each a film of iron say one-eighth of an inch thick. But before the fall of melted iron reaches the boxes, it is intercepted, or rather crossed, at right angles, by a thin fall of pulverized iron ore, which also runs out of a wide spout from a reservoir above. These two streams or falls are of about equal volume, say one-quarter of an inch deep and 20 inches wide. A workman, with a bar in the tap hole, regulates the stream of iron, and the iron spout from which the liquid metal falls into the boxes is removable; other spouts, previously coated with loam and dried, being attached to a common revolving frame, so as to be ready for use when the loam covering of the first becomes cracked or removed.

The thin layers of iron and ore soon chill and solidify, so that by taking away the outer partition of the boxes (which form the rim of the turn-table) they may be removed in cakes of the size of the boxes, and weighing about 200 lbs. each. Four of these cakes or blooms are put into a reverberatory pudding or heating furnace, and raised to a bright yellow heat. They will not melt at this heat, but become softened so as to be easily broken up with a bar. The four blooms are formed, in the furnace, by the "rabbled" of the workman, as in ordinary pudding operations, into eight balls. The balls are brought out, one after another, squeezed in the ordinary "squeezer" to expel the cinder and superfluous ore, and then rolled into wrought-iron bars, which are now ready for market, or for further reduction into smaller finished forms.

The chemistry of the operation is as follows: The crude cast-iron contains say five per cent. of carbon and two per cent. of silicon, and more or less sulphur, phosphorus and other impurities. In the Bessemer process, the oxygen of the air, blown into the liquid iron, combines with this carbon and these other impurities, and not only removes them, but leaves the pure iron in a liquid state, from which it can be cast into homogeneous masses of any size. In the puddling process, the oxygen of the air and of the ore or other "fettling" put into the furnace with the iron, combines with and eliminates the impurities, which are afterward squeezed out of the pasty mass by the squeezers and rolls. This process is long and comparatively expensive, because the mixture of oxygen or oxygen-bearing substances is not made intimate with the iron except by long stirring, which is not only skillful, but exhausting work.

In the Ellershausen process the oxygen of the ore or oxide of iron (magnetic oxide is preferred) combines with the carbon and impurities, eliminating them as in the puddling process, and the iron of the ore increases the product. The chemical combination of the ore and the liquid cast iron appears to take place partly at the time of their contact when falling and lying upon the turn-table, and partly where the reheating occurs in the furnace. It seems impossible that a reaction which is so violent in the Bessemer process, and so prolonged in puddling, should take place so quickly and quietly in the new process, but the fact that the cakes of iron and ore do not melt by subsequent heating, as cast-iron would, proves that its nature is changed by the first contact of the ore. The removal of sulphur and of phosphorus also seems more thorough than in the other processes. Analyses at different stages of the operation will throw more light on this question.

The remarkable feature of the Ellershausen process is that absolutely no skill is required to carry it out. The proportion of ore mixed is intended to be about thirty per cent., but if too much is added, it is readily squeezed out with the slag, and seems to do no harm. The subsequent heating occupies about half an hour. "Puddle bar," the product obtained from the first rolling of the product of the puddling furnace, is never marketable or finished iron. It is usually very ragged and unsound, and requires subsequent piling, reheating and rerolling, to expel the impurities, and to give it soundness and solidity. The new process appears to produce merchantable iron at the first rolling, and at Pittsburg, from a very inferior pig iron, made of one-half sulphurous Canada ores, and one quarter Lake Superior and one-quarter Iron Mountain ores.

The thoroughness and rapidity of the purification by this process, evidently depend on the intimacy of the mixture of iron and ore. This intimate mixture is also the essence of the Bessemer process. In fact, to Mr. BESSEMER's original apprehension of this idea of intimate mechanical mixture, the greatest modern improvements in the iron manufacture are due.

The Ellershausen process is said to decrease the cost of wrought-iron from $10 to $20, or $20 per ton, according to the materials used and the form of product required. That it is a success is amply proved by regular working at Pittsburg, and many experiments elsewhere; and if anything like this economy can be realized, its value to the public will only be exceeded by that of the Bessemer process. The latter process, however, produces steel, which is absolutely homogeneous, and of regulated hardness, according to the work and service required, and hence indispensable for rails, tires and machinery purposes. Any iron product that is not cast from a liquid state, is subject to all the structural defects of ordinary wrought-iron.

The Siege of Vicksburg—Gens. Grant and Banks.

From the New-York Commercial of last Evening.

In the TIMES, of yesterday, is a long account of an attempt to impeach GRANT when he was before Vicksburg. It is stated that an order from Washington was sent to Gen. BANKS (then awaiting Port Hudson) directing him to go and take command of the army from Gen. GRANT and to assume it himself. This order, and a second to the same effect, BANKS refused to obey. It is added that the secret of this critical message in his life, was, until within a month, never known even to Gen. GRANT himself, and that after the fall of Vicksburg every scrap of paper bearing on the subject was spirited away from the archives in the Departments, while BANKS, putting the writings safely by, kept his own counsel.

The Sun of this morning discusses the subject, and pronounces the story a fabrication. On the other hand, we have the following letter from a well known gentleman of this City, who had ample opportunity for seeing our leading military men during the war. He gives the substance of a conversation with the officer who bore the order from Washington. The order was to place McCLERNAND in command, and our correspondent writes as follows:

To the Editors of the Commercial Advertiser:

"The TIMES, of Wednesday, has a letter detailing the "facts" in relation to the supersedure of GRANT while besieging Vicksburg. A General in the United States Army was sent with an order to supersede him, and place one McCLERNAND, a favorable politician, in command. This General fell in with a very distinguished naval officer at Cairo, who hastened to send said General to GRANT's headquarters. During the passage, the statements made by the naval officer prevented the issuance of the order on his guard. On his arrival at Vicksburg, he requested to be allowed to examine the lines, in order to thoroughly understand the situation.

After the investigation, he at once determined to leave for Washington without delivering the order to supersede Gen. GRANT; but he said to GRANT, "General, I have an order in my pocket to supersede you, and put McCLERNAND in command." GRANT beseeched him to lost it remain in his pocket "five days," and then, said he, "I will give you Vicksburg." "No, Sir," was the reply; "I shall take the responsibility, and return with the order to the President, give my explanation, and if need be, lay down my commission; for I assure, as a soldier, as otherwise, You will succeed; a new commander will incur hazard by fall."

On his arrival at Washington the General at once reported to President LINCOLN, who was sitting by the telegraph. Of course, the General's office was embarrassing, because the Sole in Congress then were at his "top of folly," as the explanation was finished, the President got running. "Now, What news? Vicksburg is ours, is it? Vicksburg is Ours, 4th July." The President wept, and with pronounced emotion said: "General, my dear General, I thank you: your moral courage is very great; it has saved me from anxiety and greater mortification. It has opened my eyes; the future is not now obscure." Gen. GRANT was promoted, to the entombment of his enemies, who were for the most part venal politicians. S.

The Wisconsin Senatorship.

The candidates for the United States Senatorship in Wisconsin explained their position in relation to national affairs at a meeting in Madison, on Monday evening. Mr. MARK H. GRAVEMEN was nominated by the Republican caucus on Tuesday evening. The Milwaukee *Sentinel* gives the following sketch of his remarks at the Monday evening meeting:

"He said that he had been in public life for twenty years, and that he had never spoken under such circumstances as at present. During that time he had defended men for everything from drunkenness to murder, but he had never before defended himself; he had advocated from the stump the election of officers from President to constable, but he had never before been a candidate himself. Alluding to the supposed of Mr. DOUTHERTY, he said that he was a beacon-light shining across the fatal breakers, and that, with his example before him, the public man who proved untrue to his party was not only a traitor but an idiot.

Mr. GRAVEMEN proceeded to review his course for the past twelve years. He referred to his speech in Janesville in 1857, in opposition to the extension of slavery; to his speech in Milwaukee in September, 1861, in which he advocated the abolition of slavery; to his reply to the Ryan address; to his support of Lewis against PALMER in 1863; to his course in 1864, first, in urging the nomination of Gen. JAMES H. PARKE for Congress, and, second, in supporting Gen. BELESMER E. PARKE when he was renominated. He also replied to the charge that he was lukewarm in his support of Gen. PARKE last Fall. He spoke of the charge that he was supported by Democrats, and said that he hoped it was true, as it was the best and most expected fight, and Democrats were. He claimed that the pretended support of the Milwaukee *News*, the Chicago *Times* and the *La Crosse Democrat*, was deliberately designed to injure him. After arguing briefly in favor of impartial suffrage, he referred to finance, denounced repudiation in every form, whether by taxing bonds or otherwise. He also denounced the allowance of claims like the Sam Murphy claim, urging that it would lead inevitably to repudiation. He opposed earnestly the system of railroad subsidies. In closing, he said that while he should be glad to receive their suffrages for the United States Senate, he principally desired to be permitted to remain in the Republican Party. If, he has been said, he was not worthy to be a Republican candidate, but was only fit to hold a candle to a Republican candidate, just 'trot out' your candidates, and he would stump the state for them every time. He retired amid great cheering."

POLITICAL.

Meeting of the Union Republican General Committee.

The Union Republican General Committee met at their headquarters, corner of Twenty-third-street and Broadway, last evening. JAMES W. BOOTH, Esq., the First Vice-President, occupied the chair, and Messrs. SELLNOCK and FERNOW acted as Secretaries.

The Special Committee appointed to wait on the officers elected at the last meeting reported that they had waited on Hon. HENRY J. RAYMOND, the President elect, and that he had accepted the position. In connection with this report, the Committee sent up to the Secretary a letter from Mr. RAYMOND, which was read, and greeted with applause. The letter is as follows:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.

I feel complimented by your election of me to be your President. The only objection I have to accepting the office lies in the fact that the Committee represents only a part of the Republican Party of the City—another Committee representing the other part. The only inducement I should need for accepting it would be the belief that I could aid in putting an end to this division, and in restoring union of organization, and harmony of action, to the party.

So far as I can see, all reasons for division, founded on principle, have ceased to exist. The Republicans of this City, like the Republicans of the State and of the country, agree in supporting the principles of the Chicago Platform. They all supported Gen. GRANT for President with active zeal, and they will all support his administration, in its efforts to reform abuses and promote economy, integrity and efficiency in the public service. They recognize him as the official and rightful head of the Republican Party, and will do all in their power to bring this State back to its support. And they will give their confidence to the Republican Senators and members by whom this State is represented in Congress. It cannot be doubted that no local considerations should be allowed to interfere with a general object so laudable and so important to the public welfare, as their united organization.

As I understand it, the existing division in the party, so far as its organization is concerned, has grown out of the attempt to make a complete, partial and arbitrary enrollment of the party effected under the sanction of the State Committee two years ago, by which a portion of the party was summarily cut off from taking part in its primary meetings. It seems to me that this injustice should be remedied, and that facilities should be afforded for enabling all who are Republicans to act together as one. If this were done, I think the party in this City would cast a vote more nearly corresponding with its actual strength, and would be able to maintain more harmonious relations with the party in the State at large, and in the country, more largely to its success throughout the country.

What the Committee can do toward bringing about such a result I do not know. But the hope that it can, and will, do something that will prove effectual, would be the only consideration that would induce me to accept the position you have been pleased to confer on me.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
HENRY J. RAYMOND.

The report of the Special Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on By-laws, appointed at the last meeting, reported that they intended, under the instructions of the body, to amend the by-laws of last year, to the effect that the Executive Committee of the General Committee should consist of one member for each Assembly District in the county, and one additional member for every five delegates from each district. This report gave rise to some debate, many members seeming to fear that the Committee on By-Laws should report "progress" simply.

Mr. A. J. PRIME wanted each delegation to select the delegate it desired to represent it in the Executive Committee. No action was taken on Mr. PRIME's motion.

Inquiries were made as to how the Finance Committee of the organization was to be appointed, and ideas on this point were varied. Several delegates were of the opinion that at the last meeting the President-elect was requested to select a Finance Committee, and others declared that the Executive Committee were empowered, under the by-laws, to appoint that Committee from their own body. Reference was had to the minutes of the last meeting, from which it appeared that the President-elect was, on that occasion, requested by resolution to appoint the Finance Committee, whereupon Mr. SHERMAN arose and, that in his opinion, the President had no course to be troubled with that duty, and he, therefore, moved that the resolution passed at the last meeting be reconsidered. The motion was carried, and the resolution was then put on the table. Debate was then resumed on the question as to the number of delegates that should compose the Executive Committee, when a motion was made to the effect that the representation thereon should be equally divided among the districts, each to be entitled to one member.

Mr. PRIME thought this was the fairest way of composing the Committee, as the least influential would then have as great a voice in the organization as the strongest district. Little Rhode Island, he said, was fully as as powerful in the United States as was the great State of New-York.

A motion was finally made that the whole matter lie on the table, and it was carried.

The Special Committee on By-laws then asked leave to make an amended report to the effect that the by-laws of the organization should remain exactly as they were last year. This report was accepted, adopted, and the Committee, on its own motion, was discharged.

The meeting then adjourned till next Thursday week, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Union League Club.

At the annual meeting of the Union League Club held on the 14th inst., 468 votes were cast and a large majority was given for the regular ticket, styled on account of the color of the paper on which it was printed, the "Pink Ticket." Through a clerical error, a tally of 27 votes was omitted by the canvassers. All of these had been cast for the pink ticket. This omission produced no other change on the result than the apparent defeat of Col. FRANK E. HOWE. On a subsequent count the error was discovered and corrected, and Col. HOWE declared elected by the Chair, by the unanimous acceptance of the amended report.

German Republican Meetings.

The German Republicans, after having come to no result on Tuesday with regard to the election of officers for their "Central organization," last night divided into two fractions, the first one being the "Central Committee," among the members of which are Dr. MUHE, Messrs. WILLMARS, MAUBAUER and SCHWARZENBERG; the latter the "General Committee," among whom are Dr. WATTEMAN, Dr. BOSSMER, Mr. ALBERT BAUR and others. The "General Committee," corner Christie and Stanton streets, elected Mr. R. KAMMERER, President, and R. RINGE, First Vice-President. The "Central Committee" elected Gen. FRIEDRICH SCHURZ, President, and MARCUS OTTENHOUSER, First Vice-President.

Polytechnic Branch of the American Institute.

The subject discussed was "The Union of New-York and Brooklyn by Bridges and Docks." Mr. J. E. PRIDEAUX continued his remarks, which had been interrupted by the last adjournment. A bridge must rise toward the centre. Cars must be drawn up the ascent and then put on trolleys during the descent. A tunnel descends toward the centre, and cars may run down as fast as possible and the impetus will help them up on the opposite side. A stationary engine would and enough to this impetus to drive the car through, thus saving the wear on the road, which a locomotive engine occasions. Mr. THOMAS W. DOW brought forward the Hike plan, viz., the plan for solid causeways between New-York and Brooklyn, consisting a broad street, warehouses and wharves, and interrupted by canals with drawbridges and flood gates. The advantages claimed are, first, the shortening of the lower East River; secondly, assembly, trading with Brooklyn with a facilitated; and, thirdly, abundant wharf room will be afforded for future commerce. Each dyke would cost about $6,000,000, whereas, a suspension bridge, with the land that must be purchased, will cost at least $30,000,000. Letting in ocean tides would fully work power, preventing in Winter and noxious emanations in Summer. Lock gates would enable vessels to enter the docks at any tide. The rush through Hell Gate would be checked, and its navigation would be rendered safer. Dr. EDWARDS suggested that the docks near Harlem River would be nearer the business center of the City, and would avoid crowding the lower end of the City. Mr. DOW said the lower end must always be the centre, taking Long Island into consideration. Mr. SHELTOWSKY, the Hell Gate engineer, thought the dykes would aggravate the shoaling in the lower bay; that they are not needed here as much as in London and Liverpool, because the Thames varies from seven to twenty-eight feet; that there would check the traffic by small vessels, and that they would increase the accumulation of filth in the East River. Concerning the effect of the dykes on the shoaling of the lower bay, there was a wide difference of opinion, the expression of which was cut short by adjournment.

The French Masquerade.

The great annual French masquerade of the Cercle Francais de l'Harmonie came off last night at the Academy of Music and was, what it promised to be, a scene of unusual brilliance and gaiety. The boxes had all been engaged many days previously, and were constantly crowded with elegant costumes. It was announced that the season would be danced in perfection by many graduates of the Mabille and Jardin des Fleurs in Paris, and a large number of operatives were drawn to the spot solely on account of this novelty. The splendid box decorations of the Academy needed no addition, but the stage was canopied by a rich white marquee, the sides of which were covered with grotesque pictures. At the back was a beautiful landscape scene. Lining the stairways, as the guests entered were men in armor, who offered impolite remarks to the ladies, and made other suggestions of the arrangements inside. THEODORE THOMAS, with a band of a hundred, furnished the music. This ball considering the combined choice of the decorations and costumes, excelled its predecessors of this season. The late "La Coterie" ball equaled it in staid decorations, and perhaps in numbers, but French taste in costumes at the *Cercle de l'Harmonie* decidedly won the palm. To enumerate these latter would be an endless work. Nearly every imaginable character was portrayed, and nearly every army and navy officer stationed in the neighborhood, many of them in brilliant uniforms. Added to these were the Governor, Mayor, politicians of the higher grades, financiers, theatre managers, and, toward midnight, theatre companies. The two French opera troupes, that of Tammany, Wallack's, Niblo's, &c., all furnished their quotas, and, as the morning hour proved, danced with wild and exhilarating, and the season had whirling and giddy away. Paris was transferred to New-York, and all thoughts of care were lost in the intoxication of the moment. Those who have not attended the Cercle de l'Harmonie Ball this year, should not miss doing so in 1870.

Hamilton College Alumni.

A meeting of the Alumni of Hamilton College was called in this City on the 17th inst., at No. 27 Lafayette-place, for the purpose of mutually renewing acquaintance and arranging for an annual dinner. As a result, therefore, the first dinner took place last night at the Astor House, under the auspices of Mr. ALEXANDER BEAULIEUX, one of the alumni, and a member of the Executive Committee. Hon. CHAS. P. KIRKLAND, President of the association, was in the chair, and made the opening speech. He was the oldest student present, having graduated in 1816. The toasts were to the faculty, the alumni, the clergy, the Bench and Bar, and medical profession, the fine arts, the Litchfield Observatory, the army and the navy, and the press. These were answered by Rev. President S. G. Brown, Prof. Edward North, Rev. Dr. Henry A. Nelson, Hon. Joseph S. Bosworth, Prof. Henry B. Millard, Mr. Daniel Huntington, Prof. O. H. Tuttle, Prof. Gates, Gen. John Cochrane, and Hon. Joseph R. Hawley.

Among the gentlemen at table more or less known to the public were Rev. Dr. Joel Parker, of Newark; Hon. Edwin C. Litchfield, Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, Prof. John N. Pomeroy, Col. Simmons Clark, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, Rev. James E. Billstowed, Col. Gen. S. Hastings and Gideon J. Tucker, of this City, and Prof. David H. Cochran, of Brooklyn. In addition to the toasts, three songs were sung, one being entitled "A Retrospective," another "A Bacchanal Ballad," and the last a "Chorus of Hamilton." There were about 150 gentlemen present, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Lecture on "Science of Government."

The introductory lecture in a course of instruction on the Science of Government was delivered in the hall of the Cooper Institute, last evening, by Mr. RICHARD LEVERSON, Esq.

Mr. LEVERSON was introduced to the audience by A. S. HEWITT, Esq. The lecturer commenced by referring to the establishment of regular courses of instruction by Mr. COOPER, and the importance of the especial course which he was going to direct in the forthcoming lessons. He proposed to show in a lecture why the science of government was of such especial importance. He thought the science on which he was to speak could be divided into five parts: First, the science of well-being political and social economy; second, the science of morals; third, mental science and psychology; fourth, education; and fifth, the science of government. The lecturer then proceeded to give a brief sketch of each of these subdivisions, assigning the science of well-being, of political and social economy the highest place. He thought that science should be taught children in the public schools, and claimed that the interests of capital and labor would be harmonized by a knowledge of the science; that it would teach men about banking and commerce, and many other important things. He believed next to the chief Science came the science of government. He thought the American Government the best in the world, but the fact that it was human established the fact that it was far from perfect. He spoke among the evils which a knowledge of governmental science would remedy of judicial corruption and city government of prodigacy. He also stated that a knowledge of the science would create a better understanding of the laws of the nation.

Quick Passage Across a Stormy Ocean.

A very extraordinary passage across the Atlantic has just been made by the United States storeship *Guard*, of six guns, Commander ADAMS. This fine ship, which is, of course a sailing vessel, left New-York for Lisbon on the 10th of last month, carrying stores for the American squadron in European waters. She encountered a succession of terrible gales, the violence of which may be inferred from the fact, that one of her boats was washed away from the davits and lost, and the other battered into a complete wreck; and for days together she had to struggle against a perfect tempest of wind, hail and snow, the waves all the time running mountain high, and tossing the ship about in such a manner that it was almost impossible for the seamen to maintain their footing. In spite of these storms, however, Lisbon was sighted on the seventeenth day after leaving New-York, and the same day the *Guard* arrived safely at that port in good order. So short a passage, under such adverse circumstances, must be considered a most remarkable achievement.

Fires Yesterday.

At 12:30 P. M. yesterday a fire occurred on the third story of premises No. 308 West Forty-fourth-street, occupied by Laura Epps, caused by a lighted match being thrown carelessly behind a lounge. Damage slight.

At 6:30 P. M. a fire broke out on the fourth floor of No. 46 Hudson-street, occupied by ANDERSON & CO. as a tailor's shop. Damage to stock, $600. The building is owned by Dr. BARUCH LUZ. Damage slight; insured for $4,000.

At 6:40 P. M. another fire occurred at the premises stand No. 285 West Washington Market, country side, occupied by BURROUGHS BROS. The house originated from a stove-pipe. The stand and an adjoining one, occupied by ISRAEL & SOLOMON, were entirely destroyed. Damage $600.

At 6 P. M. a fire occurred in MOONEY's Hotel, at High Bridge, on the Westchester County side, caused by a defective flue. Owing to the absence of any fire brigade the house burned rapidly, and the entire hotel and dwelling, valuing a loss of $10,000; insured for $11,000 in the Westchester, Mutual and Metropolitan Companies.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

Brief mention was made in yesterday's TIMES of a fire which occurred at No. 115 Chambers-street, though no estimate of the losses could be made. The first floor is occupied by MAX SCHWERIN & BRUNNER, hosiery. Loss, $25,000; insured for $20,000. The basement is occupied by THOMAS HALEY, liquors. Loss, $1,000; insured for $6,000. The second floor is occupied by H. HAMPTON & Son, clothing. Loss, $200; insured for $6,200 in the Baltic and Market. The third floor is occupied by MARCUS & LOWENSTEIN, fancy goods. Loss, $800; insured for $3,000 in the Baltic, SARDE & BROTHER own the building; damage $3,000; insured.

NOAH E. SERRINE, D.D., delivered a lecture, last evening, at Lyric Hall, for the aid of the Pastoral Society of Dr. TYNG's church. His lecture was interspersed with hits at the times, and many allusions to the formation and present state of society. War and capital punishment he considered as injurious to the march of progress, the latter, in his estimation, being a promoter rather than a preventive of crime. Money was next viewed in all its relations to human wants and desires, being considered a social power, and having but one object, namely, to buy. The spending of money will be considered a very difficult task to learn; hoarded, money becomes a fetish, and the miser a hoodwinked Bludeo who adores it. The character of individuals was dilated upon in reference to their desire for money, seeking to obtain riches—riches first, and then trust to obtaining a good name hereafter. His lecture was well appreciated by a rather small audience.

The Sunday School connected with the Madison-avenue Baptist Church, corner of Thirty-first-street and Madison-avenue, held their fifty-second annual anniversary in the Church last night. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. HENRY G. WESTON, D.D., when the children of the school sang several hymns in a manner that reflected great credit upon their instructors. Addresses were made by Rev. THOMAS D. WITHERSPOON, D.D., of this City, and Rev. WALLACE HOYT, of Brooklyn, after which presents were distributed to nearly 300 children, members of the school.

A man giving the name of J. J. O'CONNOR, residence No. 90 New-street, Newark, called on Inspector DRAKE, at Police Headquarters last evening, and reported that he had been robbed of a package containing $500 in the Hartford and New-Haven train. He stated that the package had been taken from him as he entered the cars; that the money was in his custody for delivery to a Boston merchant. Further investigation resulted in the statement that the money was his own, that he had sold out in New-ark and was going to Boston to enter into business. The Police distrust the story.

On Wednesday evening a pleasing and varied entertainment was given by Mosaic Temple of Honor No. 1, at Temple Hall, No. 220 Bowery. Mr. CHAS. A. COLEMAN presided, and songs, recitations, fashion parade, and other interesting features were presented by ladies and gentlemen connected with the Order. The Temple is doing a good work in the cause of temperance, and has been very successful.

The law reporting firm of JAMES H. HUNSON & Co. have issued a large card almanac, bordered by caricatures by BLEND, touching humorously upon the efforts of reporters. In one corner Fleety drops at the door of mother earth a founding, emphematic of the new-born reporter; another corner is a drunken reporter, and old 1868 is carried off on a shutter to the Morgue. Above the almanac is a reporter with bell-shaped ears, occupying two desks, and with each hand simultaneously writing two separate reports of a debate, between two disputants, who call at the same time. In another spot a sleepy editor throws off copy faster than a dozen of Argus can get away with it. A row of reporters have each an enormous ear in place of a head; another set have each a pencil-holding hand for a head and a self-moving pen, with an ear trumpet for a handle, catches the "fellow-citizens" of a stump speaker, and transcribes the words. In an upper corner a reporter, broken hight in an explosion of a Mississippi steamer, pauses in his flight to write a "statement of an Eye-witness." The whole design shows much invention.

There will be a carnival at the Morrisania skating Pond on the line of the Harlem Railroad, between Melrose and Mottheven Stations, on Saturday evening. The occasion will be one of pleasure to lovers of out-door sports, and will be enlivened by a band of music and artistic illuminations.

On Sunday evening next Most Rev. Dr. McCLOSKEY, Archbishop of New-York, will deliver a lecture in St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the benefit of the poor of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul connected with the Cathedral. During the past year the Society has made 12,198 visits to the needy, and has expended over $2,800 for the relief of the suffering ones.

Dr. E. R. PEASLEE will give the third lecture of his course this evening, at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 161 Fifth-avenue. The lecture will discuss the effects of tobacco and alcohol, and will be open to gentlemen only.

This evening, the Workingwomen's Association will hold a public meeting, in Room No. 12 Cooper Institute, when important matters will be discussed.

It is stated that District-Attorney COURTNEY, of New-York, having applied to Attorney-General EVARTS for instructions in the case of Commander BRAINE, of the Confederate Navy, tried and sentenced to imprisonment for offences connected with the rebellion, Mr. EVARTS has instructed him to direct the release of the prisoner, under the recent amnesty proclamation.

The original Burns' Club will celebrate the anniversary of the Bard's birth by a dinner, at Patten's Hotel, on Monday next. The Club has been organized over thirty years.

Brooklyn.

The Fire Commissioners of the Western District Department have agreed to disband eight companies: Engine Companies Nos. 3, 12 and 22; Hose Companies Nos. 2, 5, 8 and 17, and Truck No. 6. In taking this course, the Commissioners considerately give the members of the disbanded companies sixty days to join other companies without losing any of their period of service.

The great event of the ball season in Williamsburg was the promenade concert given by the Clinton Commandery, No. 37, E. A., which took place in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday night. Among the dignitaries of the Order present were JOSEPH R. THOMAS, Commander; Geo. W. HARRIS, Generalissimo; Geo. N. CHAMAN, Captain of the Guard; Mr. CHAS. ARNOLD, A. D. Commander, of the Supreme Council, and President of the American Bank Note Company; the Eminent Roger MACCOY, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of the State of New-York; Wm. T. WOODSIDE, Past Lieutenant Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New-York; Geo. F. IZARD, Master of St. Cecil Lodge, New-York, and a host of others. "Dodworth's" band provided the music, and the assembly was one of the most fashionable that has been gathered in Brooklyn this season.

New-Jersey.

The new ferry-boat *Jay Gould* will be put on the new line between Pavonia-avenue and Twenty-third-street, at about the 1st of April next....The Hudson County Board of Freeholders holds a special meeting to-day for the consideration of the report of the Boulevard Commissioners....CHARLES JACOBS and HENRY FREEMANSEN were committed to the County Jail, in Newark, yesterday, for stealing a valuable gold watch. They were arrested by the pawnbroker to whom they offered it for sale....A slight fire, with a loss of $50 in consequence, happened in the dry goods store at No. 131 Market-street, Newark, on Wednesday night.

Some time ago the Union County Board of Freeholders purchased the Elizabeth Alms-house for $100,000, for the use of the county, paying $36,000 down. Several townships were opposed to the purchase, and now remonstrate earnestly against it. In the remonstrance it is alleged that the finances of the county are in a bad condition and a resolution has been adopted by the Board of Freeholders to have the past expenses investigated.

A meeting was held at Paterson yesterday for the purpose of having a conference between a committee appointed by Wayne township and the officers of the Midland and Montclair Railroads. The conference was agreed upon to settle the question whether the bonds of the Montclair Railroad would be indorsed by the Midland Railway Company. Judge LOW, the President of the latter Company, assured the Committee that the bonds would be indorsed. While assurances were all that the people of Wayne township demanded before bonding the town to aid the Montclair Road. Other townships will also issue bonds to aid the road.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21—11 A. M.

Consols open at 93¾ for money and 93⅞@93⅞ for the account.

United States Five-twenties center at 79½. Stocks firm; Erie, 20¾; Illinois, 92½.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Jan. 21—11 A. M.

COTTON—The market opens active, and the sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is firmer.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Tallow, On. 46. 9 cwt.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21—1 P. M.

Consols, 93¾ for both money and the account. United States Five-twenties quiet at 79½. Stocks quiet and steady; Erie, 20¾; Illinois, 92½.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Jan. 21—1 P. M.

COTTON—The market continues active, and the sales of the day are now estimated at 12,000 bales; prices have advanced ⅛d. for American descriptions. Middling Uplands, 12¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d.

PROVISIONS—Cheese, On. 76. 9 cwt. for the best grades of American fine.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 2s. 6d. 9 gal.

PRODUCE—Tallow, 46s. 6d. 9 cwt.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Calcutta Saltpeter, 48s. Spirits Turpentine, On. 42. 9 cwt.

HAVRE, Thursday, Jan. 21.

COTTON opened active at 180c. 9 cwt. for True Orleans, on the spot, and 180c. for Low Middling afloat.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Jan. 21—5 P. M.

COTTON opened at 12¼d. for middling and the account. United States Five-Twenty Bonds, 80¾. Erie Railway shares, 20¾; Illinois Central, 92½.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Jan. 21—6:30 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed active at the following quotations: Middling Uplands, 12¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d. The sales of the week amount to 66,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—California White Wheat, 10s. 10d. @11s. 2d. Other descriptions unchanged.

PROVISIONS—The market closed unchanged.

PRODUCE—The market closed unchanged.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21—4:30 P. M.

Spirits Turpentine, 42s. Linseed Oil, 32s 10s. Sperm, 8s. Linseed Cake, £11 5s.

ANTWERP, Thursday, Jan. 21.

Petroleum opened at 48¾ francs for Standard White.

ANTWERP, Thursday, Jan. 21—5 P. M.

Petroleum closed at 48¾ francs for Standard White.

HAVRE, Thursday, Jan. 21.

COTTON—The market opens with a fair business doing at steady prices. Middling Uplands, 90c.

HAVRE, Thursday, Jan. 21—5 P. M.

Cotton market closed firm; True Orleans, on spot, 180c.

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Dec. 31.

EXCHANGE—On London Bank, 4 months' sight, 4s. 9d. gold. Gold—Bank, 4 months' sight, 4s. 9½d. gold. Silver—Bank, 4 months' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 4 months' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 60 days' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 30 days' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 10 days' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 10 days' sight, 1s. 4½d. gold. Sterling Exchange, 10